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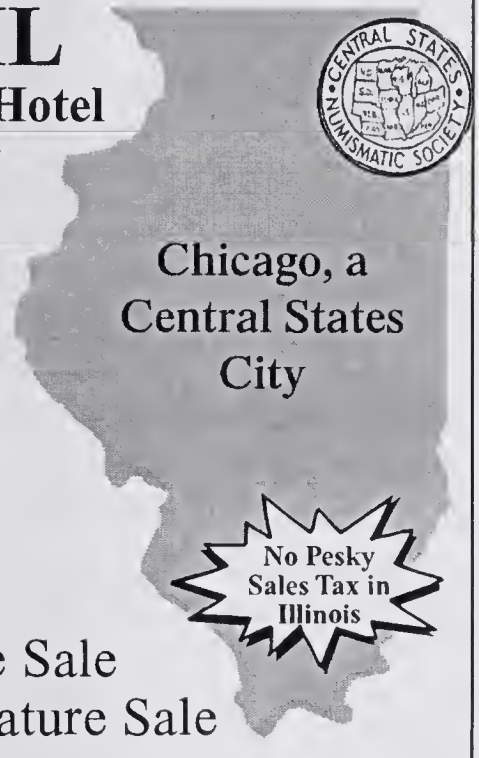

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Russo, Roberto & Alberto De Falco - ***The RBW Collection of Roman Republican Coins***, 2013, Zurich, with historical notes by David Vagi.

~Dale, Maria F. P. Saffiotti, editor - ***European Medals in the Chazen Museum of Art***, 2014, Madison, WI, highlights from the Vernon Hall collection and later acquisitions.

~Velde, Wybrand Op den and David Hartill - ***Cast Korean Coins and Charms***, 2013, England.

~Moy, Edmund C. – ***American Gold and Platinum Eagles***, 2014, Atlanta, a guide to the U. S. bullion coin programs.

~Rice, William R. – ***The Kennedy World in Medallic Art***, 2014, Atlanta, John F. Kennedy and his family in medals, coins, tokens, and other collectibles.

~Bailey, Don and Lois – ***Whitman Encyclopedia of Mexican Money Volume 1***, 2014, Atlanta, an illustrated history of Mexican coins and currency.

~Gurney, Robert – ***Counterfeit Portrait Eight-Reales - The Un-real Reales***, 2014, Hope Mills, NC.

~Trusted, Marjorie – ***German Renaissance Medals*** – 1990, Gloucester, a catalogue of the collection in the Victoria & Albert Museum.

~Q. David Bowers – **Guide to U. S. Shell Cards 1867 – 1880**, 2014, Token and Medal Society, 356 pages, profusely illustrated in color.

~Manville, Harrington E. – **Dictionary of English Numismatic Terms**, 2014, London, Encyclopaedia of British Numismatics – Volume V.

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Minutes of the 1152nd Meeting

The 1152nd meeting and Annual Banquet of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 10, 2014 at the Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL with 28 members and 8 guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

Richard Hamilton delivered the invocation. The membership applications of Loren R. Miller, III, Larry Dora, and Jeffrey Dohm received second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club.

Jeffrey Rosinia, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers nominated for 2015-2016. President: Elliott Krieter; First Vice President: Richard Lipman; Second Vice President: Marc Stackler; Director: Steve Ambos, Eugene Freeman, Dale Lukanich, and Mark Wieclaw; appointed positions include Immediate Past President: Jeffrey Rosinia; Secretary: Carl Wolf; Treasurer: Steve Zitowsky; and Editor: Paul Hybert. A motion was unanimously passed to elect the nominated slate. Past President Robert Leonard swore in the new officers. All were present except: Richard Lipman, Steve Zitowsky, and Paul Hybert.

President Krieter read an email from fellow CCC member and President of the New York Numismatic Club, Mark Anderson. Mark expressed warm regards to CCC members and extended an invitation to attend the NYNC traditional social meeting and dinner held in conjunction with the upcoming 43rd New York International Numismatic Convention, January 8-11, 2015.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler gave a brief history of the Cabeen Exhibit Award and presented engraved medals with neck ribbons to the 2014 recipients: First Place Gold: William Burd; Second Place Silver: Mark Wieclaw; Bronze Honorable Mention: Eugene Freeman, Richard Lipman (not present), Dale Lukanich, James McMenamin, and Steve Zitowsky (not present). Marc then called upon Mark Wieclaw, Jeffrey Amelse, Dale Lukanich, and Eugene Freeman who repeated some of the highest scoring 2014 exhibits.

Mark Wieclaw was given a round of applause for his work as Banquet Chairman. Also recognized were members who made donations for hors d'oeuvres. They included: Mark Wieclaw, William Burd, Elliott Krieter,

Sharon & Kevin Blocker, Jeffrey Rosinia, Steve Zitowsky, Robert Feiler, and Carl Wolf.

Kathy Rosinia's birthday was recognized and Mary Claire Jakes won the raffle of a 2014 Silver Eagle.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM which was followed by a serenade of Christmas music by Jeff Rosinia.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1153rd Meeting

Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Berghoff Restaurant, located on Adams, just west of State. Members start arriving for dinner at 5pm.

Featured speaker: Eugene Freeman — *The Coins of New France*

Join Eugene Freeman for a fascinating talk on French coins used in early North America. These are coins used in the French settlements of eastern Canada, Louisiana, Ohio River Valley, and the Mississippi River Valley which included Illinois. These coins were royally authorized, referenced in official documents, or found in hoards from that period. None mention French Canada, French Louisiana, or even French North America. At best, some of them say "French Colonies."

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Numismatic Crime: Developing a Tactical Mindset for Collectors and Dealers

a presentation by Doug Davis,
to our November 22, 2014 meeting

In 1987, Doug started the Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC) as an aid in solving crimes involving numismatic material. His motivation was a 1986 coin show where about a quarter of a million dollars worth of coins and currency had been stolen, a case that required two years to solve. The center, now on the web at www.NumismaticCrimes.org, offers resources to dealers, collectors, and law enforcement.

Around the country, local law enforcement officers are not aware of how large the numismatic industry is, or how the numismatic criminal element works. On the other hand, collectors and dealers can develop tunnel vision, so focused on the numismatic material that we ignore security issues. Through its emailed newsletter and other resources, the NCIC shows law enforcement what to expect from the criminals after the crime, while encouraging collectors and dealers to become more aware of the wider world.

The criminals, even if organized, are not master criminals — there can be links between the victim and suspects waiting for investigators to uncover, and there are only a few types of places for the criminals to sell the stolen material. Information, knowing what to look for, is the key to solving a crime. A criminal act is seldom spontaneous — some amount of profiling and observation usually precedes it. The target is considered an inconvenient obstacle by a thief.

By adjusting our behavior, we can make ourselves appear as a larger and more formidable obstacle to a thief who is looking for a weak and complacent target. We need a tactical mindset — be aware of what happens around us — prepare for the worst and know how to react. Consider the act of travelling to and from meetings and shows. When you drive into a parking area, look around before you leave the car. Remember to look around again after you leave the car. And do not take your eyes off of your bags and cases. Finally, extend your awareness to all aspects of your day, while still enjoying the hobby.

To be successful in your job, it helps to be confident and appear to belong — this is true even for criminals. Doug told us of a recent show in Sarasota where four individuals cased the bourse using phones;

after some dealers had locked their cases and left for the day, someone pulled a roller-bag to a table, waved at a dealer who looked over from a nearby table, picked up a locked case, put it on his bag, and pulled it away. He soon returned, took another case, and walked away. The real dealer was out $75,000 worth of material.

Closer to home was an example from the day before, on the bourse floor of the show we were attending — it was a smaller theft, that was only accidentally discovered. As a customer was turning to leave a dealer's table, a second dealer, from across the aisle, saw a few items slip from a book the customer was carrying. Trying to be helpful, the second dealer quickly went to the aisle and pointed out the lost items. While helping the customer pick up the items, more items fell out of the customer's coat. Realizing something was wrong, the customer was detained; a search turned up even more items. Have you formed a mental image of the customer? The customer was a 72 year old man who had been a good customer of a number of dealers; he apparently had sold much stolen material on eBay. The recovered items this day totaled $6,000, but Doug told us his name, phtograph, and particulars would be in the next emailed NCIC newsletter (reaching 4,000 dealers).

Tragically, some cases involve murder. Maybe it was planned, or maybe burglary turned to murder when the thief was surprised and wanted to get away. Many collectors take pride in their collection, and either talk about it or show it. Doug mentioned one murder and theft case where the collector liked to talk about his half million dollar gold coin collection — five part-time workers, from one of the collector's other businesses, were apprehended for the crime. Another collector claimed that no one knew about his collection, but the perpetrator was a friend of the brother of the collector's wife.

Although coin shop employees have not been the insiders on any reported numismatic thefts, some employees have stolen customer lists. For examples of insider jobs, look to the delivery industry: instances are known from the Postal Service, UPS, and FedEx.

If you are the victim of a theft, call the police and disseminate details of the stolen items among local and regional dealers and clubs. Also notify NCIC so that the details can be distributed nationally and internationally; they also can provide a local expert who can work with the local investigators.

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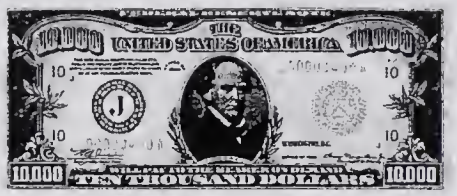

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April	**25**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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Elliott Krieter - President
Richard Lipman - First Vice President
Marc Stackler - Second Vice President
William Burd - Archivist

Directors: Steve Ambos
Eugene Freeman
Dale Lukanich
Mark Wieclaw

Appointed positions:

Jeffrey Rosinia - Immediate Past President
Carl Wolf - Secretary
Steve Zitowsky - Treasurer
Paul Hybert - *Chatter* Editor, Webmaster
Robert Feiler - ANA Club Representative

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6 Months until ANA in Chicago

This year's ANA convention will have dealers, collector exhibits, club meetings, and featured speakers. The ANA web site has the necessary applications, so get started! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

This will be your last chance at an ANA summer convention in Chicago for awhile. The announced cities for the next three years are Anaheim, Denver, and Philadelphia. Members of the local committees will be at our club table at many local coin shows up through Central States in late April., so stop by if you need encouragement to attend. Remember the dates, **August 11-15!**.

Minutes of the 1153rd Meeting

The 1153rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 14, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 19 members and 1 guest: Lars Skarie.

A motion was passed to accept the November and December Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report for the month of December revenue of $4,712.00, expenses of $5,128.91, net income of -$416.91, total assets of $24,386.45 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $22,276.45. A motion was passed to accept the report. Steve then delivered the 2014 Annual Report showing total revenue of $58,663, expenses of $57,426, net income $1,237. A motion was passed to accept this report also.

The application for membership of Lars Skarie received first reading.

Announcements:

- Following a report that the CCC Board unanimously voted to support the Central States Numismatic Society Seminar scheduled for November 22, 2015, a motion was made and passed for the Club to endorse this event.
- Jeffrey Rosinia, Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention, reported on an upcoming meeting of the Convention Committee, 6 PM, January 21 in Rosemont. Rhonda Scurek and Kim Kiick from the ANA will be in attendance.
- Paul Hybert spoke on changes made to the *Chatter*, with change in font and layout. He briefly explained upcoming navigational changes coming to the Club"s web site. This lead to a brief discussion on the ANA web site and the difficulties members were experiencing.
- Elliott Krieter announced that National Coin Week will be observed April 19-25 with the theme "Building Tomorrows — Inspiration & Innovation at World's Fairs."
- The upcoming slate of speakers and featured programs was announced.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Eugene Freeman who delivered a program *The Coins of New France*.

The nine exhibitors for the evening were: DEVON KANE: silver sycee and bracelet used as money in SE Asia, and 1831 coin of Henry V pretender to the French throne; DALE LUKANICH: 3 banknotes from Braidwood and Wilmington IL; RICH LIPMAN: 4 colorful international banknotes; ELLIOTT KRIETER: three $5 bills with unique serial numbers including one 03030303; CARL WOLF: a $1 bill with anti-Semitic art; MARK WIECLAW: Columbian Expo medal (Eglit 36-A) with illustrated publication and letter from President Grover Cleveland; EUGENE FREEMAN: 4 Balmoral Oil tokens, Montreal; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 1848 trial strike of Rebus Medal; and ROBERT LEONARD: 12 billon & copper coins of New France, and Walter Breen's book *Studies on Money in Early America*.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our January 14, 2015 meeting,

1. **Devon Kane** used funny money as his theme:
   a. Kingdom of Laos (1591-1707) Lahu, Akha, and Lisu hill tribe bracelet money (Opitz p.282, Mitch. 2991, Lewis p.41). Small round bracelet with alternating double-beaded ridges, smooth areas, and pinches; simple triangular patterns near ends. Silver 92.81 gram, 65 mm.
   b. Burma (1600-1885) Silver Sycee (Ingot), 52.66 gram hemi-spherical sycee supposed to be of Chinese inspiration; China had similar silver sycees that show up on auction during this period.
   c. France, pretender coinage of Henri V (1820-1883). One franc dated 1831 (KM X28.2, Maz.911). A uniformed bust faces left on the obverse, and crowned arms are within lilies on the reverse. Henri was the grandson of the deposed Charles X and, after 1830, the legitimist Bourbon claimant to the throne. The almost certain succession of the Comte de Chambord in the aftermath of the Franco-Prussian war was thwarted by his stubborn insistence to replace the French Tricolor with the Bourbon gold lilies on a white field, as shown on the reverse of this piece. He refused a compromise to use the Bourbon flag as a royal standard. This was too much even for a royalist parliament and royalist president. Derisively referred to as the French George Washington, the man without whom the French Republic would not have been created, Henri died in exile in Austria.
2. **Dale Lukanich** showed three banknotes from towns located southwest of Chicago. This area had some coal mining starting in the late nineteenth century.
   a. A *Lazy Deuce* $2 from the Miners National Bank of Braidwood. One of four known examples from this bank, the nickname arises from the large 2 on the back, that lies on its side. The mine was actually located in nearby Wilmington.
   b. The bank changed its name to the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, and Dale showed a $50 note, one of six known examples, bearing the new name.
   c. A $10 note, one of four known examples, from the First National Bank in Braidwood. This note is of the notes we use today, while the other two were of the older, larger styles.
3. **Rich Lipman** showed four colorful notes.
   a. A 100 franc note of the 1956-1980 series of the Swiss

National Bank. On the back, Saint Martin of Tours is pictured on horseback, as a youth serving in the Roman Cavalry.

b. A 100 dinars note of the first series by Algeria. A harbor scene is on the front, and a city scene of Algiers is on the back.
c. A 1971 50 shillings note from the Central Bank of Kenya. The front includes a vignette of the first president of Kenya, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta.
d. A 500 lire note from the Bank of Naples, of its 1909-1921 series.

4. **Elliott Krieter** showed us his minor ATM lottery win. When examining the crisp new $5 notes of the 2013 series he had just obtained at an ATM, he noticed the serial number 03030220. Interesting, but not one of the widely collected patterns. But he kept making withdrawals, and a couple of hundreds later he had his prize: serial number 03030303!
5. **Carl Wolf** showed a $1 note found on the north side of Chicago. Someone had used a black marker to produce an anti-Semitic piece: George Washington was turned into an Hasidic Jew; the Treasury Seal was covered by a Star of David; most of Federal Reserve Note across the top was blacked out, leaving only FART; and One Dollar across the bottom was completely covered. There followed a discussion about how some people collect such hate pieces, both contemporary and historical, to bear witness to the hate some have.
6. After showing a recent *Frank & Earnest* comic, **Mark Wieclaw** showed us a wide range of related items acquired as a group, reminding us that advertising campaigns and special offers have been around for some time!
    a. A 58mm Columbian Expo medal (Eglit 36-A) in white metal. Among the vignettes are Christopher Columbus, George Washington, and the Delaration of Independence.
    b. A copy of the medal's patent, dated October 7, 1890.
    c. A newspaper clipping that included an ad offering this medal.
    d. A photo lithographic copy of a hand written letter from President Cleveland thanking the sender for an example of the medal, along with the envelop used to send the copy of the letter.
7. **Eugene Freeman** showed pictures of four tokens that he recently sold on behalf of a consignor. These were produced by a Montreal distributor of Balmoral Oil named Ludger Gravel, whose name also appears on the tokens. He was a member of the ANA, an organizer of the ANA' meeting in Montreal, and is in the ANA Hall of Fame.
    a. A token listing Ludger Gravel as a distributor of Balmoral Oil, with his street address.

b. An 1892 copper token of L. Gravel as the Sara Oil Company. It is almost 40mm in diameter.
c. Two brass tokens of Balmoral Oil, similar to previous tokens but now includes a wheel.

8. Acquired last year because it caught his eye, **Steve Zitowsky** then spent some months researching a trial strike, on a square piece of white metal, of dies dated 1848 and 41mm in diameter. One side has a man's bust encircled by objects, while the other side has four lines of text and objects. It is a rebus medal — at the risk of over simplifying, the legend's syllables are formed from the names of the items — quite the cultured thing in mid-19th century. Starting from the markings on the 2x2 in which it came, Steve ended up downloading, from a University in California, a 269 page book by de Saulcy; there, in section 60, item number 5 was a line drawing of both sides of this medal for the Count of Chambord (see Devon's last exhibit, above). Steve provided a translation of the rebus into French and English.
9. To complement the evening's featured speaker, **Robert Leonard** showed billon and copper coins of New France by Breen numbers, including:
   a. Recoinage of 1692, with the 1577 date on the undercoin visible.
   b. A 1710 sou of 30 denier.
   c. A 1713 half sous of 15 denier.
   d. A 1719 John Law type of sou.
   e. A Colonies Francoise of 1721
   f. A 1740 sous marquee.
   g. A 1767 brass sous with three *fleur de lis*.
   h. Overstrikes with different shapes of the Crown above the C; one style of crown was used on genuine pieces, while multiple styles were used by counterfeiters.
   i. A 1767 sous with RF counterstamp over *fleur de lis*.

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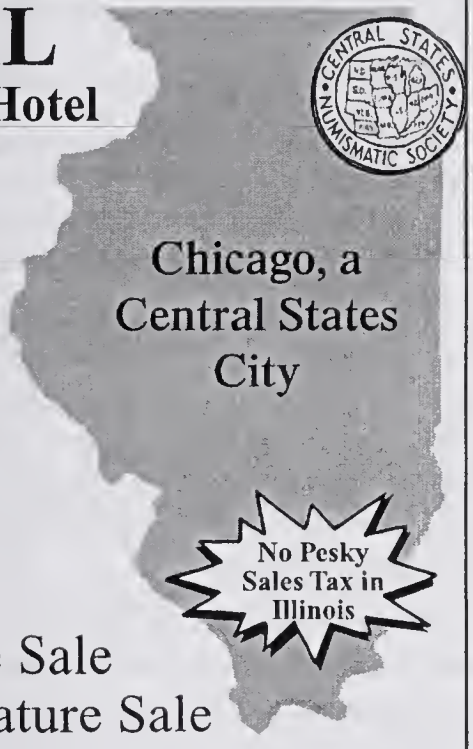

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During the Civil War in Russia which began in 1917 and lasted for over 5 years, several thousand numismatic related items were produced. These were in the form of emergency currency; credit notes; treasury notes; local issues; overprints; etc. They were issued by official governments; local cities and towns; allied military; and a host of other entities.

Author Mikhail Istomin has written a six volume set of books relating to this rich numismatic history. He started in early 2000 and completed the last volume in 2013. The following is a list of the books he has written. My library includes all but volume 1. Anyone wishing to use these references in their research is asked to contact me and make an appointment.

Catalog of Banknotes of the Civil War in Russia

Volume 1 – Northern and Northwestern Regions of Russia, the Russian Baltic Provinces (Baltic States), the Central Region of Russia, and the Russian Northwest Province (Byelo-russia) 2010.

Volume II – Part 1 – Ukraine (1917-1920), Part 2 – Western Ukraine (1914-1919), 411 pages, First Edition 2008, Second Edition, 413 pages, 2013.

Volume III – Southeastern Region, Crimea, North Caucasus (1917-1920), 582 pages, 2009.

Volume IV – Transcaucasia (1918-1924), 299 pages, 2010.

Volume V – Turkestan Provinces, Bukhara, Khiva (Khorezm) (1917-1923), 452 pages, 2010.

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Volume VI – Part 1 – Volga and Ural Provinces, Siberia, Far East (1917-1922), (West of Lake Baikal), 495 pages, 2012.

Volume VI – Part 2 – Volga and Ural Provinces, Siberia, Far East (1917-1922), (East of Lake Baikal), 559 pages, 2013.

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April	**11**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - **John Wright** on *Roman Coinage of 238 AD — the Year of Seven Caesars*
April	**23-25**	76th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html
April	**25**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Our 1154th Meeting

Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Berghoff Restaurant, located on Adams, just west of State. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured speaker: Marc Stackler — *Counterfeiting During the Mexican Revolution*

The Mexican Revolution took place from 1910 to 1917. It was a devastating but transformative conflict for Mexico. It started as a political revolution. Then in 1913 there was a military coup and subsequent revolt to reestablish the rule of law. In late 1914, after the defeat of the dictatorship, what little cooperation that existed between the victors broke down into a civil war. Two of the most iconic leaders, Pancho Villa and Venustiano Carranza, could barely tolerate each other. But the one thing they did even more than detest one another was issue piles of easily counterfeited currency. The result is a colorful journey through a turbulent time, featuring gambling dens, Texas cattlemen, seedy bars, and much more.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

The Coins of New France

by Eugene Freeman,
presented to our January 14, 2015 meeting

New France was the continental territory of North America which France claimed, on the basis of exploration by Cartier, La Salle, Joliet and Marquette, and others. At its peak, around 1712, it consisted of five colonies: Newfoundland, Acadia, Hudson Bay, Canada, and Louisiana. Said another way, it was basically the eastern half of Canada, as we know it today, the Great Lakes region, and the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys.

France's claim to the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys included every tributary that fed into the Mississippi River!

Waterways were the superhighways of the 1600s and 1700s. France wanted to discover a "Northwest Passage" to get to the spice-producing lands of the Far East. In the process, they developed trading partners among the Indian tribes for the fur trade.

French claims began with Cartier in 1534. In 1682 La Salle claimed the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys for France. In 1684 La Salle sailed to establish a French colony at the mouth of the Mississippi; poor navigation landed them at Matagorda Bay in Texas. La Salle was killed by his own men while trying to reach the Mississippi from that landing.

The 1673 exploration by Joliet and Marquette in particular helped to open up the Illinois area and the Mississippi Valley to settlement. Their trip went across Wisconsin via the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, then down the Mississippi River to the Arkansas River. Returning north, their guide showed them the way up the Illinois and Chicago Rivers back to the Great Lakes. Joliet, which is a few miles southwest of Chicago, was founded on the site of one of their camps.

The French had several settlements and forts in present-day Illinois. These include the fort established on top of the rock at Starved Rock, which was abandoned when the inhabitants moved to another fort near Peoria. The first permanent settlement was near the junction of the Missouri, Illinois and Mississippi Rivers at East St. Louis; two more forts and settlements were established down the Mississippi from East St. Louis. The settlers moved across the Mississippi when France lost its lands to the British. Although they had claimed vast areas of land, the areas were very sparsely settled with French colonists. By 1660, there were only 2,300 people (almost all men) in all of New France —

this was less than the population of Boston at that time.

France gave up her claims north of the Ohio River to Great Britain in 1763, and sold her claims to the Mississippi Valley to the United States in 1804.

The Red Book (*A Guide Book of United States Coins*) begins its "French New World Issues" section with the following sentence: "None of the coins of the French regime relate to territories that later became part of the United States." This sentence is unfortunate, since it gives new collectors the opinion that the coins are only related to Canada or the Caribbean — ignoring the entire Ohio and Mississippi Valleys, and the fact that the entire Great Lakes region was also part of Canada. It would also mean that no colonist, trader, or soldier ever used a French coin in commerce in Green Bay, Wisconsin, which was controlled by the French for nearly 130 years after its founding in 1634 (it is one of the oldest permanent European settlements in North America).

There are no coins of this period that specifically name New France. The coins of New France basically fall into four groups:

1. Coins specifically identified for shipment to New France in royal decrees;
2. Coins unofficially imported by merchants and included in official revaluations;
3. Coins identified in merchants' records and other documents; and
4. Other coins found in non-collector hoards in Canada and Louisiana.

The Red Book only allocates 2½ pages to this entire subject, so it is limited to a subset of the first group of coins. Walter Breen dedicated an entire chapter (16 pages) to this subject in his *Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*, and used the broadest perspective, and presented my four groups as six groups. His discussion is focused on the first group, with summary detail on the other three.

A. To provide coinage for New France and the French West Indies, in 1640 earlier billon pieces (dating back to the Middle Ages) were recalled and countermarked with a *fleur de lys* in a beaded oval. In 1641 and again in 1658, the supply of old coinage had been exhausted, so the mint used dies with the lys and oval as part of the design, to strike coins on new blanks. From 1692-1700 additional obsolete coins were overstruck, with new blanks used when needed.
B. The Edict of 1670 ordered the minting of silver 5 sols and 15 sols coins with a distinctive legend (GLORIAM REGNI TVI DICENT), along with a copper 2 deniers, for use in New France and the French West Indies. Only a few examples of the copper were

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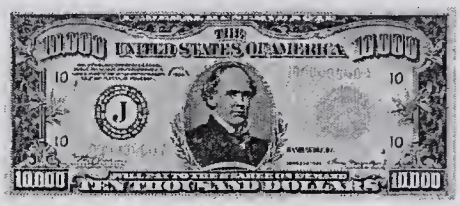

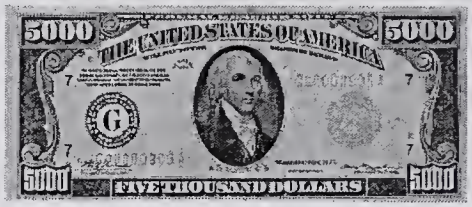

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minted. Although the silver coins were valued at 1/3 higher to help keep them in circulation, they had disappeared from circulation by 1680.

C. Throughout the history of New France, the main trade coin was the Spanish 8 reales, even though it was against regulations to import the coin into New France. In 1683, the Superior Council ordered the 8 reales coins to be weighed, and countermarked with a *fleur de lys* if of full weight. The measure was successful, but the coins did not remain in circulation for long, and none of the countermarked coins is known today.

D. During 1709-13, large numbers of 30 deniers billon coins, and smaller numbers of 15 deniers coins, were minted, and these successfully stayed in circulation for years. Many were melted in 1738 and 1739, and others were countermarked in 1763. The cross on the reverse resembled the cross on the musketeer uniforms, so the coins were also known as "mousquetaires."

E. In December 1716, the Perpignan Mint (mintmark Q) was ordered to mint 6 deniers and 12 deniers copper coins for use only in the colonies. Although millions were authorized, few were minted, probably due to the poor quality of the copper available.

F. John Law was a Scottish financier who moved to France in 1714. After his friend the Duke of Orleans became Regent for the infant king, Law was able to convince the French government to issue paper money, and to give him control of the trade between France and New France. The company (unofficially called the Mississippi Company) sold shares to finance its programs (the fur trade in Canada, precious metals from Louisiana, tobacco trade with Africa, and eventually the trade with China and the East Indies), and the price of the shares rapidly escalated from 500 livres per share in January 1719, to 10,000 livres per share by the end of the year. By September 1721, the share price was back down to 500 livres, and Law had lost control of the company. This became known as the "Mississippi Bubble." At its peak, the company was considered to be more successful than its rival, the British East India Company.

   In January 1720, Law gained control of the French money supply and the right to collect most taxes. He authorized the minting of vast numbers of copper coins, in three denominations (liard, ½ sol, and sol, although the actual valuations changed several times). At his orders, 2 million of the ½ sol coins were shipped to Canada and Nova Scotia in 1720.

G. The Edict of June 1721 ordered the Rouen (B), La Rochelle (H), Bordeaux (K), and Nantes (T) Mints to mint coppers for use exclusively in the colonies, in the denominations of 18, 9, and 4½ deniers. Only the 9 deniers were minted (using the weight of the

Perpignan 6 deniers of 1717), and only with B and H mintmarks. 534,000 were shipped to Quebec in 1722 (almost all H mintmark), but only 8,180 were accepted into circulation; the rest were returned in France in 1727, but they were then reshipped to Louisiana as 6 deniers coins.

The Red Book ends its discussion with the return of the coins to France, so it was amazing to me, growing up in Texas, that this was one of the most common Colonial coins.

H. The ship *Le Chameau* was again sent to New France to deliver money in 1725, but she was wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia in August. About 900 gold coins and 9,000 silver ecus were salvaged from her in 1965, and the coins in that shipment all serve as examples of types officially sent to New France.

I. The Edict of 1738 ordered the minting of 24 deniers (also called the sol marque) and 12 deniers coins, to replace the supplies of coins available for export. The coins were minted from 1738 to 1764, at all 30 mints then in operation. Contemporary counterfeits also existed, and were accepted along with genuine pieces. The Red Book indicates that coins "dated after 1760 were not used in North America." While this may be true for Canada, it is highly doubtful that it is correct for Louisiana. Coins of the 1760s were available in Texas, when I grew up, particularly of the date of 1762. These either came from circulation in Louisiana, or from the Caribbean.

J. The Edict of 1763 recalled the billon sols in circulation, to be countermarked with a crowned C and valued as a Black Dogge or sols tampe (also called a stampee). When the supply of old coinage was exhausted in 1779, the Paris Mint used the countermark to stamp 300,000 blank planchets. These circulated in the French Caribbean and in Louisiana.

K. In 1767 the Paris Mint issued 1.6 million sols of 6 deniers for circulation in the French Caribbean. Few of them circulated. In 1793, during the French Revolution, under a Decree of the Extraordinary Assembly of Guadalupe, over 98% of them were countermarked with RF in an oval to obliterate the *fleur de lys*. They then passed as 1½ stampees coins, and later as cents in the United States.

Breen's indication that "over 98%" were countermarked would indicate that the unmarked coins are very rare. My personal experience has been to find the unmarked coins to be only slightly scarcer than the others, although there could be a bias that my purchases could come down from "one per type" accumulations, where there would normally be a one to one ratio of types.

L. Breen has a detailed list of other types of copper and silver coins which appear in non-collector hoards, or were mentioned in

valuation tables established by the local government. In many cases, these were copper types that had been demonetized in France; they were imported to New France to circulate at twice their former value.

M. In addition to the Spanish 8 reales coins mentioned above, other contemporary trade coins also saw service in New France — Spanish 8 escudos and the fractions of the escudos and reales; Portuguese gold coins; Dutch lion dollars; British gold guineas; etc.

N. The final group listed by Breen consists of the lightweight British and Irish halfpennies that were imported into New France as well as the American colonies. These circulated alongside the genuine British halfpennies of 1749 that were used to pay the soldiers.

O. Ultimately, in 1948, there really were coins issued for a specific portion of New France. In 1763, France had retained the St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands, to facilitate its fishermen on the Grand Banks. One and two franc coins for those islands were issued in 1948.

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Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

January 21, 2015

The second meeting of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was held January 21, 2015 in the La Guardia Room, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, IL. Host Chairman Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

1. Committee members in attendance included: Steve Zitowsky, Eugene Freeman, Bill Burd, Mark Wieclaw, Sharon Blocker, Rich Lipman, Steve Ambos, Elliot Krieter, Melissa Gumm, and Carl Wolf. ANA Director of Conventions, Rhonda Scurek was also in attendance.
2. Rhonda delivered a planning report and update which included:
   a. A meeting that afternoon with the Donald E. Stephens

Convention Center and a walk through Hall F. She was accompanied by Jeff Rosinia, Bill Burd, and Mark Wieclaw.

b. Convention Theme: Making "Cents" of Lincoln's Legacy.
c. Exhibit area will be to the right when entering the convention floor.
d. Last year's silent auction went well and it will be repeated again this year.
e. Meeting with the convention catering tomorrow to determine concessions.
f. Still working on a suitable Kick-Off Event.
g. The Hyatt Regency O'Hare will be the host hotel.
h. Along with other ANA staff, she will be at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention, April 22-25 to promote the show.
i. Committee members should see Jeff for any printed flyers and not spend money on printing.

3. Jeff made the following announcements:
   a. Asked committee members to mark their calendars for a committee meeting the third Wednesday of every month. The meeting will take place at 6 PM, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.
   b. A list was passed around and committee members were asked to approve or correct their mobile phone numbers.
   c. Passed out a schedule of Chicago based coin shows where the Club will man an information table to promote the ANA Convention.
4. The local budget remains unchanged and is the same as 2014.
5. Jeff announced that Rich Lipman is the Assistant Host Chairman and Harlan J. Berk is the Honorary Host Chairman. He then called upon the following Committee Chairs:
   a. Elliott Krieter, Page Chairman
      i. Has not appointed an assistant at this time.
      ii. Already heard from a 2014 page that joined a local coin club.
   b. Eugene Freeman, Scout Activity Chairman
      i. Already conducted a meeting with the NW Suburban Council of the BSA.
      ii. Announced a reorganization and four BSA councils have merged into one.
      iii. Flyers promoting the badge clinic are already approved by the ANA.
   c. Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman
      i. Volunteers:
         1. Announced that 25 volunteer applications have arrived without asking.

2. Expect 75+ by convention dates.
3. Seven Floor Captains from previous shows have committed to work.

ii. Spoke on how important Parking Vouchers are to volunteers.
iii. Spoke on the importance of colorful golf shirts for the volunteers to stand out.
iv. Plans to repeat the success at the 2014 Convention of "Ask Me" signage right inside the convention floor. Marc Stackler and Chuck Mages were stationed behind the Communication Center and answered general questions from convention goers.
v. Plans to assign several Floor Captains to create FAQ Sheet for each volunteer.

d. Mark Wieclaw, Money Talks Chairman
   i. Applications to give a program are on the ANA website.
   ii. Application deadline of May 22.
   iii. Already had one inquiry.
   iv. Will need 2 part-time volunteers.
e. Melissa Gumm, Exhibits Chair
   i. Exhibit application will soon be available on the ANA website.
   ii. Application deadline of June 22.
   iii. Will need two volunteers during bourse hours.
   iv. Rhonda announced:
      1. No public viewing of exhibits before the bourse opens.
      2. Silent Auction material might be displayed if space allows.
      3. Class 19: Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy in Numismatics

6. General discussion of upcoming convention sites, sales tax issues in certain states, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM with the next meeting scheduled for February 18.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

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The floor plan for this year's ANA convention is on their web site; of course there might be changes, but for now the Collector Exhibits Area will be near the entrance to the bourse hall. The area looks smaller than we had last year, so expect fewer cases to be available this year. We encourage everyone to submit their exhibit application forms as early as possible. The application and rules for exhibiting are on the ANA's web site, at:

https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/convention-exhibits

If you are new to exhibiting, the ANA web site has pages on building an exhibit.

Remember, August 11-15! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1154th Meeting

The 1154th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February 11, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 24 members and 1 guest: Nicole Yin, spouse of William Rumph.

The Club stood for a moment of silence in memory of Margo Russell, a long time member of the Chicago Coin Club.

A motion was passed to accept the January Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a report for the month of January revenue of $380.00, expenses of $198.24, net income of $181.76, total assets of $24,568.21 held in Life Membership $1,830.00 and member equity $22,738.21. Steve also delivered a copy of the corrected 2014 Annual Report showing several corrected typographical errors. A motion was passed to accept both reports.

The membership application of Kevin O'Brien received first reading.

Following the second reading of Lars Skarie's application, a motion was passed to accept him into the Club.

Announcements:

- Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reminded members to bring their annual dues up-to-date.
- Member Steve D'Ippolito has requested the Club's nomination for the 2015 ANA Board of Governors Election. The Club authorized the Secretary to complete the necessary paperwork for Steve and any other Club members running for this office.
- In the absence of Jeff Rosinia, Mark Wieclaw reported on the January 21 meeting of the 2015 ANA Convention Committee and announced the next meeting of the Committee, 6 PM, February 18, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago.
- Elliott Krieter announced that National Coin Week will be observed April 19-25 with the theme "Building Tomorrows — Inspiration & Innovation at World's Fairs."
- Robert Leonard presented to Bill Burd, the Club Archivist, a 1991 Certificate of Membership issued by the ANA. Bob found it among the paperwork from his term as Club President.
- The upcoming slate of speakers and featured programs was announced.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Marc Stackler who delivered a program *Counterfeiting During the Mexican Revolution.* Following a question and answer period, Rich presented Marc with an engraved speaker medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

The seven exhibitors for the evening were: EUGENE FREEMAN – 3 U.S. half cents & German porcelain medal commemorating the fall of Paris in 1940; DEVEN KANE - Arab coins modeled after previous Byzantium and Sassanian empires, a hemi-drachm from Tabaristan, and a Roman intaglio from the 2nd-3rd century; STEVE ZITOWSKY – five Hungarian denar coins (1490-1516); RICH LIPMAN – six pieces of various scrip; ROBERT LEONARD – ancient Greek tetartemorion & hemiobol coins (circ. 450-410 B.C.) from Kolophon, Ionia; JEFF AMELSE – photos from the British Museum's exhibit on German Propaganda Medals of World War I; MARK WIECLAW – a tetradrachm from Roman Alexandria, a tetradrachm from Elymais, and a U.S. Trade Dollar made into a box.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Counterfeiting During the Mexican Revolution

by Marc Stackler,
presented to our February 11, 2015 meeting

The Mexican Revolution took place from 1910 to 1917. It started as a political revolution, then in 1913 there was a military coup, resulting in a revolt to reestablish the rule of law. In late 1914, after the defeat of the dictatorship, what little cooperation that existed between the victors broke down into a civil war.

Meanwhile, starting in 1913, rebel leaders and local governments began issuing their own currency to make up the shortfall of circulating bank notes and coins, which due to the conflict became scarce. Among them was Pancho Villa, who from his stronghold in Chihuahua, printed two of the most famous and voluminous issues of the Mexican Revolution: Tesorería General del Estado (nicknamed "sábanas de Villa" or "Villa's bed sheets"), and the Estado de Chihuahua series (also known as the "dos caritas," or "two little faces").

Almost immediately after the first issue of the "bed sheets" in December 1913, counterfeits began appearing along the border between Texas and Chihuahua. The simple design (and forced acceptance) of the sábanas made for robust counterfeiting, especially by Americans looking to make a quick profit. Counterfeits were crude ... but so were the legitimate notes. Confusion, panic, and distrust led to their rejection, even as authorities tried to enforce their acceptance. Authorities tried revalidating (rubber stamping) the notes. Some of the counterfeiters followed suit, imitating the revalidations.

In early 1914, a representative from Villa and the Constitutionalists arranged the Estado de Chihuahua issue, which was thought at the time to replace the sábanas (i.e., the latter would be recalled and destroyed). Printing started in Texas, and then a new contract to continue printing was signed with Norris Peters in Washington, DC. At first the new issue was considered secure — "an absolute impossibility" ... to counterfeit. Nonetheless it too was counterfeited, again especially by Americans ... and often the victims were other Americans being swindled.

In the United States, it is a crime to counterfeit our currency, or that of another government that we recognize. But, in the case of Mexico at that time, the US Government had placed an embargo on trade with any of the belligerents, and did not recognize "a government." When arrests were made and the parties brought to court, often their lawyer could get the charges dropped, because there was no basis for the counterfeiting charge if there was no recognized government. Texas, occasionally in concert with

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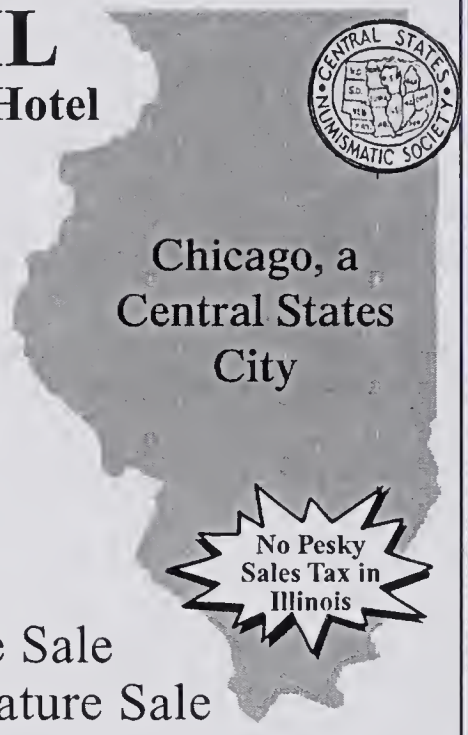

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Mexican agents, stepped in to make arrests, because it was their own citizens being swindled.

Today, walk into any coin or paper money show, and almost certainly if there is Mexican paper money, you will find at least some *sábanas* as well as many Estado de Chihuahua issues. The likelihood of running across a counterfeit is pretty good too.

Margo Russell (1919-2015)

With regret we report the death of Margo Russell. She was 95 years old and served for 23 years as editor of *Coin World*.

Margo joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1960. She was a great supporter of the Club, frequently took telephone calls to discuss Club activities, and share advise from years of experience. Her annual dues always arrived early, and frequently included an extra donation to the Club.

Margo traveled to Chicago and served as the featured banquet speaker at the Club's 800th Meeting, September 14, 1985 at the Midland Hotel in downtown Chicago. Her talk centered on comparing and contrasting great events and achievements of the past and relating them to the current events in numismatics. She was quoted saying, "...I hope and pray we will honor our hobby's centuries-old traditions as we move toward change. We need to learn how new techniques can be applied to the maintenance and growth of collecting activities. We need to set priorities, achieve some new goals. We need new collectors, new audiences, and an enhanced public image."

Below is a short list of the numerous citations and awards Margo received.

- Numismatic Literary Guild's "Clemy" Award
- ANA Medal of Merit, Farran Zerbe Award, and Hall of Fame
- Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico's Diploma of Recognition
- Fellowship in American Numismatic Society
- Fellowship in Royal Numismatic Society of Great Britain

To read the full obituary, either go to *Coin World*, February 16, 2015, page 5, or as it appeared in the *Sidney Daily News* at:

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sidneydailynews/obituary.aspx?n=margaret-russell&pid=173987111&fhid=17955

Sincerely,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1155th Meeting

Date: March 7, 2015, **First session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: **Steve Feller** — *WWII Civilian Camp Money of North America*
The U.S. and Canada established many WWII civilian camps to hold enemy aliens and citizens thought to be a threat. Many camps had their own issue of money. This talk will focus on the paper and token currencies of these camps. Some of the more famous locations covered include Ellis Island (New York), Crystal City (Texas), Alva (Oklahoma), Minidoka (Idaho), and Bismarck (North Dakota). Ray and Steve Feller are the foremost researchers of this numismatic field and delivered many presentations regarding "Concentration Camp Currencies." This talk will focus on "Civilian Camp Currencies of North America." This field has not been well documented and those who attend can expect to hear stories of new site discoveries, additional issues, symbolism behind the designs, etc. Everyone will leave with the knowledge that no matter how disparate the circumstances, mankind always has the need for money. Steve received the financial support of Central States Numismatic Society to research the work on this subject.

Souvenir Card: Everyone attending our meeting at the upcoming CPMX will receive a souvenir card about The Douglass National Bank of Chicago, Chicago's first African American National Bank. After distribution at the meeting, the remaining cards will be sold for $5.00 each ($1.00 for postage if ordering by mail).

Date: March 11, 2015, **Second session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers

standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured speaker: **David Greenstein** — *Coin Grading in the Age of Plastic*
Coin value is typically based on rarity and the grade. Generations of dealers and collectors learned the skill of coin grading by studying bare coins. Over the past few decades third party grading, encasement with stickers, has led many to believe they no longer need to know how to grade — it is already done for them. While this is primarily in the American coin market, it is becoming more common in world coins, paper money, and even ancient coinage. Join David as he tells the story of his journey of learning from masters how to grade coins and how collectors must still grade coins encased in plastic.

Minutes of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

February 18, 2015

The third meeting of the 2015 ANA Convention Committee was held February 18, 2015 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago. Host Chairman Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6 PM with the following committee members in attendance: Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Harlan Berk, Rich Lipman, Dale Lukanich, Eugene Freeman, Melissa Gumm, and Carl Wolf.

1. Harlan Berk was thanked for providing the meeting place, dinner, and parking vouchers.
2. There was a quick review the January visit by ANA Director of Conventions Rhonda Scurek. The biggest change convention goers will notice is the change to Hall F (2011 location) and the meeting rooms will be located immediately above the hall.
3. The committee was asked to set aside the third Wednesday of every month for a meeting.
4. The budget will be the same as 2014. A list of rooms for committee chairman will be put together by Jeff and submitted to Rhonda allowing the Club to receive the ANA group rate.
5. Committee Reports
    a. Jeffrey Rosinia, Host Chairman: brought in more promotional flyers for use during the upcoming coin shows. He will also check with Rhonda on the kick-off event.
    b. Rich Lipman, Assistant Chairman: no report
    c. Elliott Krieter, Page Chairman: not present, but conveyed to Jeff that an Assistant Page Chairman is needed.
    d. Eugene Freeman, Scout Chairman: No change over last month. He continues to monitor the reorganization of the Boy Scouts, including the combination of four area councils. Fliers for the Scouting

programs will be ready for distribution at the Tinley Park show.

e. Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman: 28 volunteers have signed up, but more will sign on at the upcoming multi-day coin shows. Shirts are sponsored by Kedzie Koins.
f. Mark Wieclaw, Money Talks Chairman: He believes program proposals are to be submitted online. He will still need two volunteers to assist.
g. Mellissa Gumm, Collector Exhibit Chairman: According to the online exhibit application, the application must be received by June 22, 2015, and the theme for Class 19 is "Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy in Numismatics."
h. Open Discussion:
    i. It was announced that Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. donated to the ANA YN program 100+ bicentennial medals issued by the U.S. Mint. Mark Wieclaw will handle the transfer.
    ii. Steve Zitowsky reported the Club received confirmation of a reserved table during the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our February 11, 2015 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Eugene Freeman brought 4 items:
    a. US Half Cent dated 1802. All 1802 half cents are over-dates, 2 over 0.
    b. US Half Cent dated 1804, "crosslet 4." This is the most common date of the series. There are over 12 die pairs, so many varieties.
    c. US Half Cent dated 1811.
    d. German brown porcelain (with Meissen mark), 1940, commemorating the fall of Paris to the Wehrmacht.
2. Deven Kane's theme was Pre-Islamic coinage, of which he brought 3 examples. For about 60 years after the Caliphate conquered much of the Middle East, Iran, and North Africa, it did not create its own distinct coinage. Rather, the coinage imitated Byzantine prototypes in Syria, Egypt, and North Africa, and Sassanid overtypes in Persia. Even the metals used appear to have imitated the types used before the conquest, i.e. bronze and gold in Arab-Byzantine coinage, and silver for Arab Sassanian.
    a. Arab-Byzantine, Umayyad Caliphate. Imperial bust type. 680sca. 693. Æ Fals (22.0 mm, 4.83 g, 5 h). Hims (Emesa) mint. Crowned facing bust, holding globus cruciger / Large m; Album 3524; Bone 2.3b; SICA.
    b. Another common Arab Byzantine type was a so called standing

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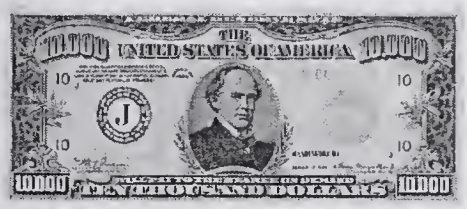

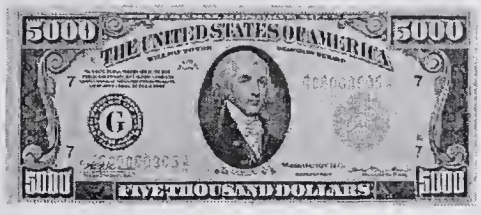

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Q. David Bowers – **Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money, Volume 3, Massachusetts Book 1 and Book** 2, 2014, covers the towns of Abington thru Yarmouth.

~Flynn, Kevin – **The Authoritative Reference on Liberty Seated Half Dimes**, 2014, Lumberton, NJ.

~Chambliss, Carlson R. & Gene Hessler – **The Comprehensive Catalog of U. S. Federal Large-Size Notes, 1861-1929**, 2014.

~Damali, Dr. Atom – **Osmanli Sikkeleri Tarihi / History of Ottoman Coins, Volume 9, Sultan Abdulmecid thru Sultan Mehmed VI**, 2014, Istanbul, last volume of a 9 volume set published over several years by Dr. Damali.

~Gaedechens, O. C. – **Hamburgische Munzen und Medaillen**, Part 1 – 1843, Part 2 – 1854, Part 3 – 1876, the 1975 Leipzig reprint in 3 volumes.

~Clements, M.A. & Nerida F. Ellerton – **Thomas Jefferson and his Decimals 1775 – 1810: Neglected Years in the History of U.S. School Mathematics**, 2015, Switzerland.

~Schenkman, David E. - **Civil War Sutler Tokens & Cardboard Scrip**, 2014, second edition, edited by Richard W. Irons.

~Kremydi-Sicilianou, Sophia – **Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum, Greece II, Macedonia I – Alexander I – Perseus, The Alpha Bank Collection**, 2000, Athens.

~Herzfelder, Hubert – **Les Monnaies D'Argent de Rhegion, Frappees Entre 461, et le Milieu du IV, Siecle AV. J.-C**, 1957, Paris, die study of silver coinage featuring facing lion-scalp in high relief.

~Maris, Edward – **Varieties of the Copper Issues of the United States Mint in the Year 1794**, 1869, Philadelphia, the first separately published work on cents and half cents, Rare.

~Toderi, Giuseppe and Fiorenza Vannel – **Le Medaglie Italiane del XVI Secolo**, 2000, Firenze, in 3 volumes, corpus of sixteenth century Italian medals.

Caliph with the cross on the reverse changed into a pole.

c. Umayyad Caliphate. 'Umar ibn 'Ubayd Allah. Governor, AH 67-72/ AD 686-691. AR Drachm (28mm, 3.09 g, 9h). BYS (Bishapur) mint. Dated AH 67 (AD 686/7). Crowned Sassanian style bust right. Fire altar flanked by attendants; star and crescent flanking flames. SICA 1, 1568; Album 21.

d. Tabaristan, Abbasid Governors. al-Mahdi. 158-169/ 775-785. AR hemidrachm. (23.6 mm, 1.95 g, 3 h). Crowned Sassanian style bust right / Fire altar flanked by attendants. Malek 150; Album 73. gVF. The coinage of Tabaristan continued for more than a century after the adoption of Islamic coinage. The Bavandids of Tabaristan were of Sassanid descent and remained Zoroastrian until the 840s. Their coins are hemidrachms and later, after the conversion to Islam, turn iconoclastic with the portrait being removed.

Around 696-7 the Caliph Abd Al Malik, goaded by the introduction of Jesus on the gold coinage of Justinian II paid as tribute, issued the first Islamic Dinar and Dirham.

e. A very attractive Roman Intaglio, 2nd - 3rd Century, carved from dark carnelian, and depicting the bust of a female with intricate coif.

3. Steve Zitowsky showed five Hungarian denar coins, sequentially dated 1505 to 1509. These small silver coins were minted at Kremnitz, with a KH mintmark. The reigning monarch on the coins was Wladislaw II, 1490-1516.

4. Rich Lipman talked about several scrip items.

   a. "ANA Reserve Note" — money produced at ANA conventions for Young Numismatists (YNs), with a photo portrait of the YN of the Year.

   b. Gringotts Bank (from Harry Potter), which could be bought and used at Universal Studios. The "denominations" were galleons, sickles, and knuts ... but sold for US dollars, of course.

   c. "Obsolete" note from Wanadoo City (Florida) denominated in Wangas. Wangas could be purchased and spent by kids, hence the title on the notes was THE UNITED KIDIZENS OF WANNADOO CITY.

   d. Irish Sweepstakes ticket from 1963, bought for £1 sterling.

   e. "Zero Rupees" based on the design of a 50 Rupees note of India. The notes were printed by an organization named Fifth Pillar — their objective was to fight official corruption. Citizens were encouraged to hand the Zero Rupees note to a government official who might be seeking a bribe.

   f. 50 Yuan counterfeit alongside a legitimate 50 Yuan note. Attendees were encouraged to search for characteristics of the counterfeit, among which were the smooth feel of the note (as opposed to intaglio printing), smeared ink, and other carelessly smudged details.

5. Bob Leonard brought 2 ancient Greek coins. Very few ancient Greek silver coins have a denomination marked on them. Among the exceptions are some 5th century B.C. issues of Kolophon (Colophon), a city in Ionia

near the island of Samos. Shown were:

a. Tetartemorion: obverse laureate head of Apollo right; reverse TE monogram for tetartemorion. Circa 450-410 B.C., 0.36 g.
b. Hemiobol: obverse facing head of Apollo, laurel leaf to left; reverse HM monogram for hemiobolion. Circa 450-410 B.C., 0.42 g.

The Greek monetary system at this time consisted of 2 tetartemorions = 1 hemiobol; 2 hemiobols = 1 obol; 6 obols = 1 drachm; and 4 drachms = 1 tetradrachm. Thus a Tetradrachm was equal to 96 tetartemorions. Both profile and facing heads of Apollo appear on these coins, and it is uncertain which is earlier. (This tetartemorion is very much overweight at 0.36 g.) There is also an intermediate denomination of 1½ tetartemorions, which is rare. Bob has not found one for sale since he became interested in the series.

6. Jeff Amelse showed German propaganda medals from the WWI era, on display at the British Museum.
   a. Karl Goetz medal of the sinking of the Lusitania, 1915, and a British copy. The former is rather scarce, with a mintage of less than 500. The latter is commonly available. One key difference between the two is the spelling of the date; the copy uses the British spelling of the date, 5 MAY 1915, while the German original uses MAI. Goetz's initials (K.G.) are strong on the original, but usually much smaller and partially off the planchet on the British copy. The medal shows the sinking on one side and the other side depicts a skeleton selling tickets to passengers as a warning that bad things will happen to those who board ships the Germans consider to be legitimate targets. The British Selfridge replica was produced by Wellington House.
   b. Jeff went on to display several other photographs of medals, about the Lusitania and other WWI themes, that were part of the museum display. Many of these are based on the medieval "Dance of Death." The medals included:
      i. Death holds the strings to zeppelins as if they were kites.
      ii. Death leads the German troops into battle.
      iii. Death attacks a German woman or German troops.
      iv. Death pumps blood out of the Earth.
      v. The devil plays a flute in the foreground of a battle scene.
      vi. Workers are paraded into grotesque German war factories.
      vii. Soldiers emerge from the mouth of Lord Kitchener as he slept.
7. Mark Wieclaw showed 3 items.
   a. A box dollar made from an 1877-S US Trade Dollar. It opened to reveal the portrait of an unknown gentleman.
   b. Elymais silver tetradrachm of Kamnaskires V, 54-32 B.C. The coin is rare in silver.
   c. An Alexandrian tetradrachm with facing busts of Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus. On the reverse is Pax, seated. The design is rare for Alexandria.

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

March 6-8 21st Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cpmxshow.com

March 7 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - **Steve Feller** on *WWII Civilian Camp Money of North America*

March 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **David Greenstein** on *Coin Grading in the Age of Plastic*

April 8 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

April 10-12 40th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cicfshow.com

April 11 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - **John Wright** on *Roman Coinage of 238 AD — the Year of Seven Caesars*

April 23-25 76th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html

April 25 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

May 8 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Chatter Matter

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4 Months until ANA in Chicago

Are you ready to attend? If you have questions, any questions at all about the ANA in Rosemont, ask club members at our club table at CICF and CSNS. The ANA web site has the application and rules for Collector Exhibits, giving a presentation, club meetings, and other events. How is your exhibit coming along?

Remember, August 11-15! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1155th Meeting

Session I of the 1155th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 7, 2015 in conjunction with the Chicago Paper Money Expo, held at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with an attendance of 41 members and 13 guests.

A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated meeting agenda.

Announcements:

- President Krieter announced that, earlier in the day, the ANA Board of Governors officially decided to hold the 2019 ANA Anniversary Convention in Chicago; that will be the Club's 100th anniversary year. This was followed by a robust round of applause.
- Jeffrey Rosinia, General Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention, spoke of the upcoming event and encouraged everyone to attend, then introduced several committee members:
    - Exhibit Chairperson, Melissa Gumm encouraged everyone to bring an exhibit.
    - Dale Lukanich spoke on behalf of the Money Talks programs, and encouraged prospective speakers to apply for a speaking slot online at the ANA's website www.money.org
    - Carl Wolf spoke of the many volunteers needed to run a national convention, and asked interested parties to complete the

application form.
    - Jeff wrapped up the report by announcing the Club has medals commemorating the ANA Conventions of 2011, 2013, and 2014. Normally, they sell at $20 each, but at this show they will sell for $40 for all three medals.
- Treasurer Steve Zitowsky asked members to pay their 2015 dues.
- Marc C. Ricard and his father, Charles Ricard (Past President of both the Chicago Coin Club and the Rochester Numismatic Association), presented the Club with Chicago numismatic material discovered in the RNA's archives. It was a March 20, 1912 catalog of material to be auctioned at the offices of the Chicago Numismatic Society.

First Vice President Richard Lipman introduced the featured speaker, Steve Feller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who spoke on *Money of American Internment Camps*. After a question and answer period, Rich presented Steve with an ANA Educational Certificate and engraved Club medal with neck ribbon.

Upcoming featured programs before the Club were announced.

A souvenir sheet of the Douglass National Bank, Chicago's second African-American bank, was distributed to everyone present.

The meeting was recessed at 2:10 PM, to be re-adjourned at 6:45 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd Floor, Downtown Chicago.

Session II of the 1155th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 11, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter reconvened the meeting at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 35 members and 1 guest: Mabel Wright, spouse of John Wright.

A motion was passed to accept the February Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported for the month of February revenue of $411.46, expenses of $360.15, net income of $51.31, total assets of $24,619.52 held in Life Membership $1,830.00 and member equity $22,789.52. A motion was passed to accept the report.

Announcements:

- The Club stood for a moment of silence in memory of longtime member Phyllis Johnson.
- Request for members to participate in National Coin Week, April 19-25, with the theme. "Building Tomorrows: Inspiration and Innovation at World's Fairs.""
- Presentation to Archivist Bill Burd of Douglass National Bank souvenir sheet with serial no. 1, given at the CPMX. Project leader, Jeff Rosinia spoke on the bank's history and how it was Chicago's second African-American owned bank. Remainders sell at $5.00 each, $6.00 by mail.
- Presentation to Archivist Bill Burd of a March 20, 1912 Chicago

Numismatic Society auction catalog discovered in the Rochester Numismatic Association archives and presented at the recent CPMX by members Marc C. Ricard and his father, Charles (Past President of both Clubs)

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker David Greenstein who delivered a program &ldquoCoin Grading in the Age of Plastic." Following many questions and comments, Rich presented David with an engraved speaker medal and ANA Educational Certificate. David announced that Darren Hooper recently joined the staff of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. which was met with a warm round of applause.

Archivist Bill Burd introduced 13 exhibitors. EUGENE FREEMAN – 1750 24-Skilling Norway under Denmark rule, and a 1919 Algerian 10-centimes; PHIL CARRIGAN – 1803 and 1853 U.S. Half Cents; JEFF AMELSE – box of flat wooden nickels, WWII propaganda leaflets, and a Lusitania medal; Bill Burd – medal honoring Arctic explorer Fridtjof Nansen; DEVEN KANE – one ancient Greek coin and three coins from the India area; MARK WIECLAW – an encapsulated 1963 Washington Quarter, 1964 Kennedy Half Dollars, and a tetradrachm from Roman Egypt; KEVIN O'BRIEN – 1840 $2½ and 1857 $5 U.S. gold coins; SHARON BLOCKER – three fantasy notes from China; ROBERT LEONARD – Thracian tribal imitation of hemi drachm of Parion, Mysia; RICHARD LIPMAN – 1779 South Carolinian $70 note, Douglass National Bank Note, and two $2 star notes; ADAM OLSZEWSKI – coin from Roman Emperor Caligula (37-41 AD); DARREN HOOPER – 2004-D high and low leaf Wisconsin Commemorative Quarters; ANDREW MICHYETA – 1914 2-Kroner from Norway.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Money of American Internment Camps

a presentation by Steve Feller,
to our March 7, 2015 meeting

Although the main part of the program would be civilian camps from World War II, Steve mentioned there would be a quick mention of military camps, and he would slip in new details from another topic. There were a number of different types of camps for civilians, and each was run by a different department of the national government. The enemy alien camp system was operated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and this was intended to hold foreign civilians until they could be swapped for US citizens detained by foreign governments.

Steve and his daughter Ray are active researchers of camp money, and the presentation started with recent photos of them at the site of the camp

at Crystal City, Texas, the largest of the many camps for enemy aliens, and the only one that specialized in families. It was located 40 miles north of Mexico in southwest Texas, in the middle of nowhere; before the war, a small government camp for migrant farm workers was there. There are few visible signs remaining from the camp, but some historical signs have been erected around the old site — one of the signs shows round red and green tokens used at the camp, bearing the legend ALIEN DETENTION • STATION • CRYSTAL CITY • TEXAS on the shown side. These tokens were struck not from metal but from some fiber material. The following slides of both sides of a green token shows it to be worth $5.00, while the color red was used on $1.00 and 1¢ tokens. More slides showed both sides of a simple blueish-gray 5¢ token with the denomination on one side and DEPT. OF JUSTICE • INTERNEE CANTEEN • I. & N. SERVICE on the other side, and then an octagonal 1¢ token with the legend CRYSTAL CITY • CLOTHING TOKEN • INTERNMENT CAMP.

The local area offered some resources for researchers, along with items from the camp, but information also was found in books written by former internees. One cited book was written by an internee born in Brooklyn to German parents — the book covers many slices of life, including such mionetary ones as allowances, the pay rate of 10¢ per hour, and items available in camp stores — the boy and his parents were sent to Germany after the war.

Steve's research travels also took him to Hunt, Idaho, the site of one of the Japanese American internment camps for American citizens. Camp Minidoka was one of the camps operated by the War Relocation Authority (WRA), and this site now is a national monument. Two years ago Steve listed the numismatic items he would like to find from this camp: ration books, pay checks, co-op loyalty coupons, and War Bonds. The archivist at the site has helped Steve locate these items and many more. We saw unemployment compensation claim forms, the by-laws of the consumer co-op, photos of the business operating in the camp, monthly mess-hall meal tickets, and even receipts for dry cleaning. This just scratches the surface of what is available, whether in government archives or in private hands.

Not all of their travels for new material has taken them far from home. A cross state trip to Algona, Iowa took Steve to the site of a base camp for POWs — where he talked to locals who remembered the camp. About 15,000 were assigned to the base camp, with sub-camps located around Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Government records show three different series of money for this camp. Of the approximate 500 main POW camps located in the US, 150 are known to have used some sort of money. The money used in POW camps was simple paper scrip; the prisoners could work for some small wages, and could spend the money at camp stores; When they were returned to Europe after the war, each POW was issued a US check for unused camp money.

A recent purchase on eBay was a meal ticket from the Sto Tomas camp in Manila, the Japanese operated camp for civilians that was featured in the recent Ken Burns documentary on WWII. It also came with an innoculation certificate, dated one year earlier, from Shanghai. These items, others, and details found on the web tell the story of a European couple who fled to China, then to the Philippines in late 1941, and then to Australia after the war.

There are many stories out there, and much numismatic information waiting to be discovered. We wish Steve and Ray success in finding more of them, and we look forward to the day when we can read the second edition of their book on camp monies of WWII.

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1. Harlan Berk was thanked for providing the meeting place, dinner, and parking vouchers.
2. Jeff received emails from Rhonda Scurek with the following updatess:
    a. As of now the Kick-Off Event is undecided.
    b. Rhonda and Jennifer Crook will be at the Central States Numismatic Convention and look forward to meeting with the members. The committee was told to count on meeting on our regular third Wednesday April 15th. Jeff will keep everyone posted if this changes to one of the dates at the CSNS Convention, April 22-25.
3. A sheet with convention dates was passed, and chairman were asked to check off the dates they will need hotel rooms.
4. Committee Reports:
    a. Jeff reviewed the names of assistant chairman should an emergency develop and the chairman would be unable to serve.
    b. Eugene Freeman, Scout Chairman
        i. Reported on attending a recent Scout Merit Badge University in Elmhurst, IL with 2000 scouts and 100 merit badge classes. He needed to quickly print copies of the ANA Scout Program, and the committee approved to reimburse him up to $100.
        ii. Eugene will be teaching Scout Merit Badge Class for the N. Suburban Scout Council this Saturday in a shopping center.

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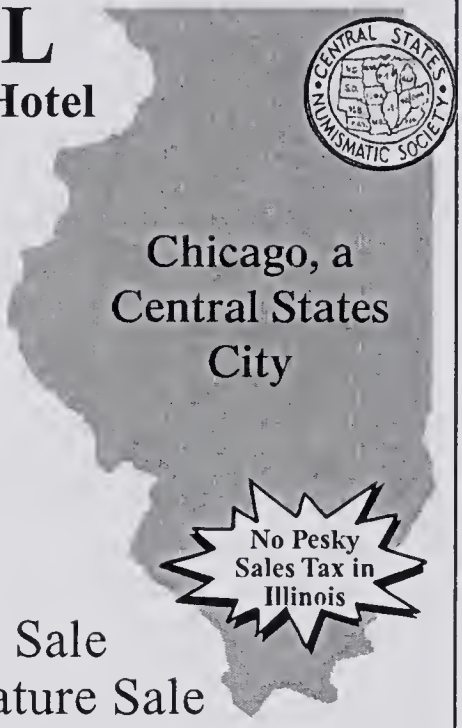

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c. Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman
    i. Reported another 12 volunteers recruited at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, bringing the total to near 50.
    ii. Brought the committee up to date on the status of experienced Floor Captains and how important it is to recruit several more.
    iii. Reviewed with other committee chairmen who they already had as permanent volunteers and how many general volunteers they would need each day.
d. Mark Wieclaw, Money Talks Chairman
    i. The deadline for submitting program proposals is May 22nd.
    ii. The application is on the ANA web site.
    iii. The link would also be emailed out to the Club members and supporters.
    iv. He had additional print outs, which will be made available at the upcoming Club meetings at CICF and the CSNS.
e. Melissa Gumm, Exhibit Chairman
    i. Heard reports that the recent Portland National Money Show had good exhibits.
    ii. The deadline for exhibit applications is June 22nd.
    iii. Lead a discussion of recruiting young numismatist exhibitors.
        1. Bill Burd volunteered to act as a liaison with Illinois Numismatic Association with 100+ YN members who could receive an invitation to participate.
        2. Melissa is planning to attend several suburban coin club meetings and will try to recruit exhibitors, volunteers, speakers, etc.

5. Miscellaneous:
    a. Jeff volunteered to follow up with the Illinois Numismatic Association so that the convention, plus volunteer recruitment, exhibitors, etc. could receive coverage in their next newsletter issue.
    b. Harlan Berk volunteered to run a silent auction.
        i. In 2014 $10,000+ was raised, and the goal for 2015 is $20,000.
        ii. Items that go well are coins, numismatic books, restaurant meals, social dinners with prominent numismatists, etc.
    c. Elliott Krieter, Page Chairman, lost his mother on Tuesday. A condolence card was signed by everyone in attendance. Visitation and funeral arrangements will follow via email.

Harlan was thanked again for providing a meeting place, dinner, and parking vouchers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1156th Meeting

Date: April 8, 2015, **First session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured speaker: **Jeffrey Rosinia** — *The Basics of Numismatic Exhibiting*
The Chicago Coin Club motto, *Docendo Discimus*, is Latin for "We Learn by Teaching." Our members clearly practice this, and it is the largest contributing factor in our strong verbal exhibits at monthly meetings. Putting together a case exhibit at a convention is another form of numismatic teaching. Jeff has plenty of experience with exhibiting, and is the perfect person to explain the basics. For years Jeff took notes on other winning exhibits and researched the internet for tips and guidance. This motivated him to build exhibits on Susan B. Anthony Dollars, Kennedy Half Dollars, First National Bank of Chicago Memorabilia, Coin Savers, March of Dimes Holders, etc. Everyone can expect to leave with a handout which will serve as a map to discover a new twist to "We Learn by Teaching." If you have never put together a case exhibit, then time to try it. Remember — it is another form of numismatic teaching to add to your list of qualifications.

Date: April 11, 2015, **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: **John Wright** on *Roman Coinage of 238 AD — The Year of Seven Caesars*

Seven men served as Caesar in 238 AD, the darkest year in all Roman history. It was the beginning of a long period of instability made worse by a decline in the fortunes of the Empire and the gradual expansion of European enemies into Roman territory. Each appointment to rule was soon followed by assassination due in large part to the rivalry between the Senate and the praetorian guards. Each group felt it was their right to proclaim the new Caesar. The rapid transition took only four months, but they left behind coinage with the image of each ruier. Be sure to attend this unique presentation and hear the stories of revenge and intrigue played out while viewing images of the coinage.

Date: April 25, 2015, **Third session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) convention

At the [redacted], which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center, [redacted]. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: **Robert D. Evans**, Chief Scientist & Historian of the *S.S. Central America* Project, on *Radiating Sun — The First U.S. Money Made in California — $50 Gold*

The discovery of gold in California was perhaps the most significant event in our nation's economic history. The massive amount of gold extracted from California's hills and streams during 1848-50 was overwhelming. Local commerce quickly became a mess, all coins were in short supply, and citizens used measured gold dust to make everyday purchases. In 1850 the Federal Government sent Augustus Humbert to San Francisco to act as the United States assayer. His order — begin to issue standardized gold coins to stabilize the price of gold. Attend this meeting and hear stories of the wondrous and tumultuous Gold Rush Era. Bob Evans has studied many high-grade specimens of these gold pieces. A particular specimen in private hands, where the reverse side is engraved, not struck, might possibly be the "first" $50 gold piece made. This program covers a unique era of American history, discovery of gold and the issuance of large gold coins. Be sure to mark your schedule. You don't want to miss it!

Phyllis Johnson (1923-2015)

With regret we report the passing of Phyllis Johnson on March 1, 2015. She was 91 years old.

Phyllis was a 1941 graduate of Waller High School (now Lincoln Park High School), attended Northwestern University, and worked for many years at Draper and Kramer. She joined in 1988 and became member 1004. She was the beloved friend and long-time companion of member William Holm. Phyllis did not collect, but always enjoyed the historical aspects of the meeting, exhibits, and programs.

Sincerely,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 11, 2015 meeting,

1. **Eugene Freeman** showed two recently acquired items:
   a. A 10 centimes piece from Algeria (Algers) dated 1919 and issued by the local chamber of commerce. This example of notgeld from a French territory is in brass instead of the usual aluminum.
   b. A 1750 24 skilling silver coin issued for Norway while it was under Danish control. The dealer had this piece labelled as from Denmark, most likely because the obverse legend includes DANMARK; the reverse legend includes NORGE. The lion and axe coat of arms, and the crossed hammers mintmark, indicate that the coin was minted for use in Norway.
2. Like most of us, **Phil Carrigan** started collecting coins from circulation while a youth, starting with Lincoln cents, and starting another series when one series was almost finished. Having recently completed the bust dime and half dime series except for a few rarities, he has started a date set of Half Cents. He showed us two recent purchases in high circulated grades: an 1803 and an 1853. Having purchased these unattributed to variety, he now finds himself using the reference books to identify the varieties.
3. **Jeff Amelse** started by continuing his theme from the March meeting by showing a British copy of the Lusitania medal; hundreds of the German original were struck, while hundred of thousands of the British copy were struck. It came with the original box, and the month spelled as MAY shows it is a copy. Jeff also showed:
   a. Propaganda leaflets from WWII, dropped on German lines: a British item predicting Britain would survive this war's U boat attacks just as it had in the prior war; a leaflet promising safe passage and food in the Allied lines; and one by the Soviets

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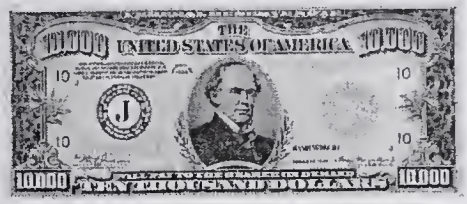

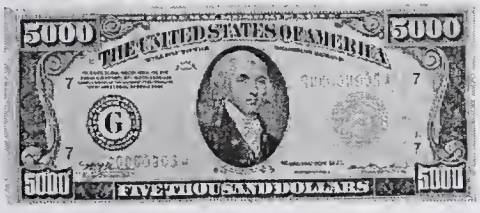

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~ Mieris, Frans van – **Histori der Nederlandsche Vorsten, Uit de Huizen van Beijere, Borgonje, et al**, 1732 – 1735, Graavenhaage, in three volumes, a standard reference covering Dutch medals up to 1555, Rare.

~ Bermann, J.B. & Sohn – **Verzeichniss der Munz-Und Medaillen-Sammlung, Leopold Welzi von Wellenheim**, 1845-1847, Wein, important auction of collection of von Wellenheim, a very rare large paper set, in three volumes, nearly 50,000 coins and medals.

~ Dattari, Giovanni – **Monete Imperiali Greche, Numi Augg Alexandrini, Catalogo Della Collezione G. Dattari**, 1901, Cairo, First Edition, two volumes.

~ Brause-Mansfeld, Hauptmann August – **Feld-, Noth-, Und Belagerungsmunzen von Deutschland, Osterreich-Ungarn, Siebenburgen, et al**, 1897 & 1903, Berlin, two volumes on siege money, 38 photolithographic and photogravure plates, Rare.

~ Hill, George Francis – **The Gustave Dreyfus Collection – Renaissance Medals**, 1931, Oxford, original edition, 141 plates depicting 667 medals, Rare.

~ DeKnight, William F. – **History of the Currency of the Country and of the Loans of the United States from the Earliest Period to June 30, 1900**, 1900, Washington, second edition, rare.

~ Brunner, Lane J. & John M. Frost – **Double Dimes – The United States Twenty Cent Piece**, 2014, first edition – second printing.

~ Snow, Richard E. – **The Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Attribution Guide – Volume 1 – 1856-1877, Volume 2 – 1878-1909**, 2014, Tucson, AZ, 3rd Edition.

~ Fuld, George & Melvin Fuld – **U. S. Civil War Store Cards – The Definitive Collectors' Resource**, 2014, 3rd Edition, Civil War Token Society.

showing a skeleton in a German uniform, pointing to an empty spot on a mausoleum wall of plaques.

b. A German 10,000 Mark note from January 1922, from the hyperinflation era.

c. A box of wooden nickel flats purchased for $50 — all pieces are from Croswell, Michigan. Included were bundles of these rectangular pieces.

4. **Bill Burd** showed a plaquet by V.D. Brenner (of Lincoln Cent fame) honoring the Artic explorer Fridtjof Nansen on his October 23, 1897 arrival in New York City following his unsuccessful attempt to reach the North Pole in 1895 and his subsequent rescue in 1896. Bill showed a map showing Nansen's route; the history of Arctic exploration is one of Bill's interests.

5. **Deven Kane** brought 4 items:

   a. A bronze coin from Pantikapaion (in modern Crimea), circa 310-304 BC. This piece is 16.4 mm in diameter and weighs 3.03 grams. One side features the head of a beardless satyr facing right, while the other features ΠΑΝ and the forepart of Pegasus facing right. MacDonald 71, SNG BM Black Sea 872. As the name of the town would indicate, the god Pan and his satyrs are common motifs on the coins.

   b. A silver kahavanu of Uttama Chola (973-985). One side features a seated tiger with two upright fish to the right, a bow to the left, and an umbrella on top. Uttama Chola was a transitional monarch, before the Cholas firmly asserted their rule of South India. This coin comes heavy with symbolism: the tiger represents the Cholas, the fish the Pandya kingdom of Madurai at the extreme south of India, and the bow the Chera Kingdom of Kerala; the umbrella denotes Chola rule over all three kingdoms of the far south of India.

   c. A silver tanka of Zahir al-Din Muhammad Babur as Sultan of Ferghana, 1494-1504, overstruck on a tanka of Safavid King Ismail I. Babur was a descendant of Tamerlane and dreamt of restoring his empire, but squeezed between the Uzbeks and the rising Safavids, he would be pushed east where he would conquer Delhi in 1526 and form the Mughal Empire. Babur and his son Humayun minted Timurid style thin tankas, while their successors adopted the chunkier Indian style.

   d. A rupee of Jahangir (1014-1037h), minted in Qandahar in 1028h. The great grandson of Babur is one of the most interesting Mughal emperors to collect. This coin is not unusual, but is notable for the mint of Qandahar. Straddling the caravan trade routes, the city was sought by both the Mughals and the Safavids. The Safavids would conquer it a few years later, and Jahangir's son Shah Jahan would briefly recover it by treachery, lose it, and send three unsuccessful expeditions to recover the city. The failure to retake

Qandahar was the first intimation that the Mughal Empire was growing soft and flabby.

6. **Mark Wieclaw** started by showing his first coin dated 2015 from circulation — six of them, all dimes received in change this morning, from vendors at the Miami airport.
   a. A few interesting items in a recent group purchase: a page from *McCall's* magazine in 1964, showing rare coins available in circulation; two 1964 Kennedy Halves with 50¢ written on them, to help teach young children the value of this coin; and a 1963 Washington quarter encased to honor the 25th anniversary of International's Indianapolis Works.
   b. In a repeat from last month: a tetradrachm from Roman Egypt, featuring facing busts of Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus. This was during the adoptive period, when Roman emperors adopted someone to succeed them rather than their natural born son. In 138 AD, Antoninus Pius adopted both Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus. However, he only raised Aurelius to the rank of Caesar and issued coins with both of their portraits but on opposite sides. Upon the death of Pius in 161 AD, Aurelius elevated Verus to Caesar and issued the coin with facing busts, the only Alexandrian tetradrachm like that.
7. **Kevin O'Brien** showed two US gold coins:
   a. An 1840 $2½ graded VF35. This weakly struck coin is from the first year using this design. There are about 80 to 100 known from Philadelphia for this year.
   b. An 1857 $5 graded XF40. There are about 275 known from Philadelphia for this year. This "no motto" type is so named by collectors because the E PLURIBUS UNUM motto had been removed from above the reverse eagle years before, and it would be some years before the IN GOD WE TRUST would be added above the reverse eagle.
8. **Sharon Blocker** showed three recently purchased Chinese Fantasy notes. At least partially made from some type of plastic, some of the designs included dragons; the printed values were 10, 50, and 100, but no denomination was obviously stated. We saw design elements and markings of Macau, Taiwan, and Zhongquo.
9. On a visit to London this month, **Bob Leonard** stopped in a coin and antiquities shop across the street from the British Museum, where he bought an ancient Greek coin described as "A silver hemidrachm of Parion, Mysia ... Circa 480 BC." In checking online to try to determine the date more accurately, he came across a website, "Parion Hemidrachms," by Reid Goldsborough, formerly an active poster on the rec.collecting.coins newsgroup, with whom Bob had corresponded. Based upon a scholarly 2003 book by Bulgarian numismatist Stavri Topalov, Goldsborough contends that Bob's coin is in fact an imitation from Thrace (modern Bulgaria and points north and west), calling it in

fact a "middle imitative." It appears that it came from a hoard that came to market in London in 2006 (the London dealer had five examples). With this conclusion Bob agrees: his coin is not from Mysia in western Asian Turkey, but from Thrace in Europe, perhaps as late as 400 BC. However, all dealer offerings seen retain the Parion attribution.

10. **Rich Lipman** showed a range of paper items:
    a. A club handout from the recent CPMX show, featuring a series 1902 $5 National Bank Note of the Douglass National Bank of Chicago. He also showed a example of the featured note, and noted that the two numbers on each note might confuse some collectors: one is a serial number for the note, while the other is the charter number for the bank.
    b. A South Carolina $70 note issued under the authority of an ordinance of 8 July 1779. This note also shows the denomination aa 113 pounds 15 shillings. The backs of the notes in this series feature a design from ancient mythology — this denomination shows Prometheus.
    c. Similar to Elliott Krieter's February tale of an ATM lottery win, a pair of $2 star notes from the 2009 series. Rich acquired a brick of $2 at a bank; from the serial number on the top note, he expected the last two notes to be star notes. (The last two notes of some bricks should have serial numbers ending in 000 and 999 — it is common practice at BEP to replace those two notes with star notes.) After opening the brick, he found start notes with numbers 00022221 and 00022223. What happened to number 00022222? Rich assumes someone at BEP knew the popularity of a note with a serial number such as 00022222, and had pulled it from the supply of star notes used to replace the last two notes of a brick!
11. **Adam Olszewski** showed a bronze sestertius of Roman emperor Caligula (37-41 AD), featuring a bust of Caligula on the obverse and a seated Vesta on the reverse. Adam discussed the life of this emperor, who he described as a narcissistic megalomaniac psychopathic killer.
12. **Darren Hooper** brought two 2004-D Wisconsin state quarter varieties: called the high leaf and low leaf. Each has an extra leaf below an ear of corn. Coins produced from a damaged die (such as a die gouge in these cases) are not considered errors. Tom DeLorey was one of the first to announce thess as the products of a damaged dies.
13. Reinforcing an observation made during the featured talk on grading, **Drew Michyeta** showed a silver 1914 2 kronor honoring the centennial of the Norwegian constitution. He had ordered it expecting a sharp coin — the advertised slab grade was MS-64 — but the shield on the reverse is very flat and lacking details, due to being weakly struck. Then he showed us a 1904 2 kronor that he already owned — it grades AU but was well struck and shows all the details.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Learning to Grade in the Era of Plastic

a presentation by David Greenstein,
to our March 11, 2015 meeting

The grade of a coin is an opinion — nothing more, nothing less. Maybe one person's opinion, or that of a group. As with any opinions, the best are a product of experience. David started his presentation with a history of grading, and then he told some stories from his experience.

Condition aways has been important to valuing coins. For many years, collectors used just a few adjectives to describe a coin's amount of wear. A 70-point grading scale was developed by Dr. Sheldon in 1949; the numerical grade reflected a coin's value, with a coin grading 60 worth six times a coin grading 10, three times a coin grading 20, and twice a coin grading 30. That reflected the 1949 pricing for US Large Cents. In that scale, a perfect piece was worth 70 times a piece that was just barely identifiable. A lot has happened since then, and the idea of a 70-point scale has been carried over to grading all denominations, both metal and paper. Needless to say, the price ratio of two coins is no longer the grade ratio.

In 1972, ANACS began the era of third party grading. This was a welcomed development, as it was an answer to overgraded and problem coins. A photo certificate indicating the grade was issued, and the possible grades for an uncirculated coin, originally limited to 60, 65, or 70, were expanded to include 63 and 67.

In 1985, PCGS was founded as an alternative to ANACS, and started encapsulating coins in plastic. The goal was to prevent manipulation of a coin after it was graded, and the plastic holders went through revisions. The goal was to create a sight unseen market for coins, and it was generally achieved. NGC was founded in 1987 to offer another opinion — it also created competition in the market. Soon, all numbers from 60 through 70 were being used, and a plus mark was added to most of the numbers after 2010. Which begs the question, "Can you really tell the difference between 18 grades of mint state?"

What does it take to be a good grader? Good vision and good lighting are quick and simple to obtain, but the challenge is gaining the other two areas mentioned by David: 20 years of experience, and a good mentor. Since childhood, David has been going to a downtown coin shop, Harlan J. Berk's on Clark, where would sort coins — at age 12, he sorted 15,000 Buffalo nickels from Uncirculated to no-date. And the mentoring role was filled by Tom DeLorey, formerly of ANACS. David started working there fulltime in 2005, and assumed grading responsibility of all raw coins in 2010.

Useful tools and techniques include grading sets, direct comparison,

understanding the minting process (some coins are just ugly or poorly struck — the 1945 Merc duime was cited as weakly struck), and hueristics such as knowing what luster, lusterbreaks, and wear look like.

The two most common styles of grading are technical and market. Technical grading is based on absolutes: for a given grade, so many marks allowed, a certain amount of **this** allowed, a certain amout of **that** allowed, ... period; ignore toning and certain other attributes. Market grading takes into account eye appeal — here, price produces the grade; toning, luster, and surfaces influence the grade.

What style do you follow when grading? What style do you expect an experienced grader to follow? What are the "market acceptable" problems with a particular coin? Can you, in good conscience, sell a coin while not listing a problem that exists but now is viewed as market acceptable? And finally, will the grading service grade it technically or for the market? After he posed those questions to us, David presented some of the current grading challenges he sees within US coins.

First were some observations about the line between AU58 and MS62 coins. Now it might be possible to find a 58 coin that is priced higher than a 62 coin. There is a slight difference between a weakly struck with no wear and a sharply struck coin with a little wear; if the grader is not totally focused, oops. Light circulation might also appear as cleaning, so that is another aspect for the grader to consider. If an old 58 now goes into a 62 holder, could an old 62 now go into a 63 or 64 holder? David also discussed other challenges such as $2½ and $5 Indians, and the MS/PR70 grade; we do not have enough space here for all the details, so if your interest include those areas, chat with David the next time you see him at the shop or a show.

One of the hardest aspects of grading is consistency — grading many coins of the same type is better than jumping between different types of coins. Other challenges to proper grading are fatigue, time constraints, familiarity with the series, and any recently seen coins. Some people believe that the grading standards are a moving target. While in the 1980s an MS64 coin had a slight chance of being given a grade of either MS63 or MS65, now the chance of obtaining an MS63 or MS65 grade might be higher.

To assure collectors that the coin deserves the grade on the slab, stickers have been introduced under various brand names: QC✓, Wings, and CAC (by John Albanese). David likes this opportunity to match his opinion against John's, who he considers to be a top grader. The grading of world coins by NGC and PCGS is an evolving area, facing challenges such as hundreds of countries and a long history of coin issuance. World coin registry sets and authenticity concerns are driving the acceptance of slabbing in the world coin market.

David concluded the program with things you would not have heard at a

show 8 years ago:

- This coin is gem, but I don't think it is a plus.
- I will only buy this if it stickers.
- Do you think this coin has been puttied?
- Should I send this coin in for reconsideration?
- I am looking for an MS70 First Strike.

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

April 8 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Jeffrey Rosinia** on *The Basics of Numismatic Exhibiting*

April 10-12 40th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cicfshow.com

April 11 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - **John Wright** on *Roman Coinage of 238 AD — the Year of Seven Caesars*

April 23-25 76th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html

April 25 International Primitive Money Society Meeting - 11am at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center.
Featured Speaker - **Bruce Smith** on *Siamese Porcelain Gambling Tokens*

April 25 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center.
Featured Speaker - **Robert D. Evans** on *Radiating Sun — The First U.S. Money Made in California — $50 Gold*

May 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

June 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Jeffrey Pannicka** on *Currency Doctoring Detection*

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Are you thinking about giving a one-hour *Money Talks* presentation at the ANA summer anniversary convention? The deadline for proposals is later this month!

Or maybe you are thinking about showing an exhibit in the Collector Exhibit Area. Although the available size has been greatly increased — we have all of Hall D to play with! — the exhibit applications must be at ANA by June 19. Your exhibit need not be complete before you send in the application — the deadline is seven weeks before the convention — you will have time to make small adjustments. The application and rules for exhibiting are on the ANA's web site, at https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/convention-exhibits, and this *Chatter* issue has an article providing some hints.

Remember, August 11-15! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1156th Meeting

Session I of the 1156th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 9, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM with an attendance of 29 members and 1 guest, Dr. Richard A. Feely.

A motion was passed to accept the March Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported for the month of March revenue of $410.00 expenses of $197.22 net income of $212.78, total assets of $24,832.30 held in Life Membership $1,830.00 and member equity $23,002.30. A motion was passed to accept the report.

Announcements:

- The membership application of Dr. Richard Feely received first reading. The application of Kevin O'Brien received second reading, and a motion was passed accepting him into the Club. The club accepted

the resignation of Robert Wallace as his primary residence is in Europe.

- William Burd, Club Archivist, reported on his activities caring for the ledgers, club publications, photos, correspondence, and financial records. A detailed listing of the inventory was published into a booklet. Copies were made available near the sign-in desk.
- Mark Wieclaw, ANA Committee Chairman for recruiting speakers at Money Talks, asked members to submit a program proposal. Forms were passed out with a deadline of May 22.
- Mark also spoke on the Silent Auction of donated items to be held at the ANA Banquet. Proceeds go to the Robert Lecce Scholarship Fund. This year's goal is $20,000.
- Elliott Krieter reminded members that National Coin Week was in two weeks (April 19-25) with the theme "Building Tomorrows: Inspiration and Innovation at World's Fairs."
- Announcements were made of club meetings at the upcoming Chicago International Coin Fair.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Jeffrey Rosinia who delivered a program "The Basics of Numismatic Exhibiting." Jeff also made available copies of ANA Exhibit Rules as well as Applications to Exhibit forms. Following many questions and comments, Rich presented Jeff with an engraved speaker medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the twelve exhibitors. EUGENE FREEMAN: 4 coins from Colonial Mexico/Mexico City; JOHN CONNOLLY: coin club medals from New York and Chicago; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 1702 Queen Anne Coronation Medal designed by Sir Issac Newton; DARREN HOOPER: 6 coins found in circulation by a friend; DEVAN KANE: coin from Umayyad Caliphate, coin from Chingiz (Genghis) Khan, 3 Mexican Pesos, and the meaning of the Phrygian cap on coinage; ADAM OLSZEWSKI: 4 coins of early Roman Imperial era; RICHARD LIPMAN: 3 modern banknotes; RICHARD HAMILTON: stock certificate of REO Motor Car Company; ROBERT FEILER: 2 enameled coins, U.S. $1 bill with handwritten note by WWI soldier, counterfeit scale, $20 U.S. gold coin made into a box holding a watch; RICHARD FEELY: one silver and three gold coins of the Vatican; JEFFREY DOHM: 3 coins found in Las Vegas; MARK WIECLAW: 2 ancient Roman coins and a 10-year service award from the late 1980s consisting of 10 French 20 franc gold coins.

The meeting was recessed at 9:22 PM to be reconvened 1 PM, Saturday, April 11 at the Chicago International Coin Fair.

Session II of the 1156th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 11, 2015 in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 23 members and 11 guests in attendance. A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

Jeffrey Rosinia, Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention, invited everyone to attend the World's Fair of Money August 11-15, and introduced:

- Harlan Berk, the Honorary Host Chairman.
- Mark Wieclaw, Chairman of the "Money Talks" group of presentations, who announced a May 22 deadline for program proposals, and made available copies of the required forms.
- Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman, who invited everyone to complete the Volunteer Application form on the sign-in table.
- Jeff wrapped up the committee reports and invited everyone to set up case exhibits, which have a June 22nd application deadline.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker John Wright who delivered a program "Roman Coinage of 238 AD — The Year of Seven Caesars." Following a question and answer period, Rich presented John with an engraved speaker medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

The meeting was recessed at 1:28 PM to be reconvened 1 PM, Saturday, April 25 at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention, Schaumburg, IL.

Session III of the 1156th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 25, 2015 in conjunction with the 76th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society, Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL.

President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 44 members and 5 guests in attendance. A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

CSNS Governor and Club Member Brett Irick announced an upcoming numismatic tour (Sept 9-25) of Poland, the Baltic States, and Russia hosted by the Polish-American Numismatic Society where he serves as Treasurer.

Jeffrey Rosinia, Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention, invited everyone to attend the World's Fair of Money August 11-15 and introduced:

- Rich Lipman, Assistant Host Chairman
- Mark Wieclaw, "Money Talks" Chairman, who announced a May 22 deadline for program proposals and made available copies of the required forms.
- Elliott Krieter, Page Chairman, who invited all young numismatists to submit an application.
- Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman, who invited everyone to complete the Volunteer Application.
- Melissa Gumm, Exhibit Chairman, who invited attendees to set up case exhibits and announced a new submission deadline of June 19.
- All applications and proposals are online at www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney
- Rhonda Scurek, ANA Director of Conventions, expressed how happy

she was to work again with the Chicago Coin Club and was looking forward to returning in 2019, the Club's 100th Anniversary.

Walter Ostromecki, ANA President from Encino, CA, spoke of how Chicago is the home to 15 ANA conventions, more than any other city. He cited the Chicago Coin Club as a backbone of the hobby, referenced the great work performed by Club members at recent ANA conventions, saying "you guys have it down pat," and told of how the ANA is looking to return in 2019. Walt went on to say that for these reasons (and more) he recognized the Club with a "Points of Numismatic Light Program" for their commitment to the numismatic community.

The application of Rhonda Scurek, Colorado Springs, received first reading. Tyler Rusnak, suburban Chicago, was introduced as the first recipient of the ANA $1000 college scholarship.

Convention organizer Kevin Foley was presented with the Club's Medal of Merit for providing invaluable contributions to the success of the Club, including the recruitment of nationally recognized speakers, using his professional contact list to promote the Club, and providing the Club for twenty+ years with a complimentary table and meeting room at coin shows.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Robert D. Evans, best known for his work with the S.S. *Central America*, who delivered a program *The First U.S. Money Made in California*. Following a question and answer period, Rich presented John with an engraved speaker medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Roman Coinage of 238 AD — The Year of Seven Caesars

by John D Wright,
presented to our April 11, 2015 meeting

The establishment and development of the Roman Empire led it through at least four Civil Wars.

The first of these began with the assassination of Julius Caesar on the Ides of March in BC44. Julius had been proclaimed by the Senate as "Dictator for Life" in February and within a month a subset of the Senate held a "recall election". The ensuing Civil War ended with the supremacy of Octavian over Marc Antony in August of BC30 — a period of fourteen years and five months, though it was not until January of BC27 that the Senate proclaimed this Civil War victor as Caesar Augustus. Most of the portraits

shown in this presentation are from portrait sestertii struck by the Roman Empire. For the ones who struck no sestertii, I have used Provincial bronzes.

The second Civil War ran from the execution (or suicide) of Nero in June of AD68 through Galba, Otho, and Vitellius until the supremacy of Vespasian in December of AD69 — running through five emperors in eighteen months.

The third Civil War ran from the assassination of Commodus on the night of 31 December AD192 through Pertinax, Didius Julianus, Pescennius Niger, and Clodius Albinus until the supremacy of Septimius Severus in February of AD197 — running through six emperors in four years and two months.

But the fourth Civil War broke all previous records. In a mere four months of AD238 the Roman Empire went through seven Caesars. This is the period of military anarchy, where succession is by assassination.

AD238 is a momentous year, the fourth civil-war upheaval of the Roman Empire. Actually, the "Roman Empire" began when Octavian was proclaimed by the Senate as "Caesar Augustus" at the conclusion of the first internal war mentioned above. In AD238 Maximinus Thrax (the "Thracian giant") is Emperor, along with his 22-year-old son Maximus. Neither has set foot into Italy since Maximinus was proclaimed Emperor by his troops on the murder of Severus Alexander three years ago. He was likely involved in that assassination. Sestertii of Maximinus and Maximus are common.

Maximinus has demanded a massive tax-increase to support the German war.

Gordian I, the governor of North Africa (present-day Algeria and Tunisia) and reportedly the richest man in the Empire, has dispatched an assassin to Rome to eliminate Vitalianus, the Praetorian Prefect and a strong supporter of Maximinus. After this murder and the ensuing bloody purge of Maximinus supporters, the Senate proclaims Gordian I and his son Gordian II as co-Emperors to oppose Maximinus and his son Maximus. In mid March of AD238 the mint of Rome begins to crank out coins picturing the new Emperors. The Roman citizens applaud the new regime to replace the uncouth and demanding absentee Emperor — considered a "barbarian," since he is from Thrace and not Italy.

Unfortunately for the Gordiani, their province is an agrarian one with no legions, while neighboring province Numidia (present-day Libya) is ruled by Capellianus who commands the Third Legion with full cavalry, is strongly loyal to Maximinus, and has a long-standing grudge against the Gordiani. As Emperor, Gordian I has demanded that Capellianus step down — BAD MISTAKE! Instead, Capellianus marches his Legion towards Carthage.

Gordian II, aged in his mid-40s, frantically raises whatever "army" he can

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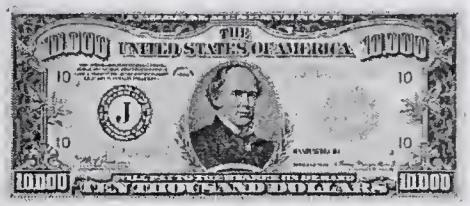

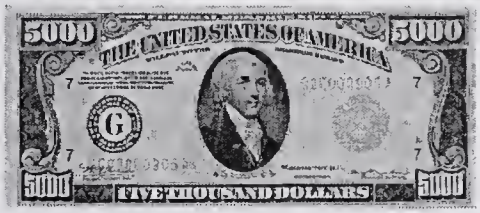

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The Handbook of Greek Coinage Series

This series is being published by Classical Numismatic Group in a series of 13 volumes and is written by Oliver D. Hoover. The first issue was volume 9 and was published in 2009. Listed below are the various volumes which are now in my library and available for reference.

~ ***Coins of Sicily (Including Lipara)***, Civic, Royal, Siculo-Punic, and Romano-Sicilian Issues, Sixth to First Centuries BC, 2012, Volume 2

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from the resident herdsmen, vinedressers, and merchants. A large gaggle of many thousands of farmers and such meets a Roman Legion whose orders are "no survivors, no prisoners." The slaughter is so massive and so complete that the body of Gordian II cannot even be identified on the field of blood. Gordian I, age 80, hangs himself before Capellianus' Legion reaches his home in Carthage (present-day Tunis). The Gordiani have been co-Emperors of the Roman Empire for just three weeks, becoming the second pair of Caesars to never see Rome during their reign, and the shortest-term Caesars in history. Sestertii of Gordians I and II are scarce, not "rare" as they are often touted.

When word reaches Rome of the slaughter of the Gordiani, the Senate is VERY justifiably terrified. They know that each of them is a dead man when Maximinus addresses this issue.

They proclaim two of their own, Pupienus and Balbinus, as co-Emperors to oppose Maximinus. Both of these men are senior, pompous, and are liked only by other Senators of their respective (and opposing) factions, like Democrats and Republicans of today. Balbinus is to be responsible for domestic affairs — keep the taxes coming in, the water running, the grain delivered, and the citizens pacified (a Democrat). Pupienus is to mobilize an army (a Republican) to march against Maximinus. Sestertii of Pupienus and Balbinus are a bit scarce, as their reign lasted only three months.

To enhance support from the Citizens and to appropriate the family wealth of the Gordiani, the Senate searches for any surviving male of the Gordian family. Gordian II has no surviving brother and no legitimate heirs, though he is reported to have over seventy bastard children by over twenty mistresses. A thirteen-year-old legitimate grandson of Gordian I survives from Gordian I's daughter Maecia Faustina. This lad is acclaimed as Caesar Gordian III, and the wealth of the Gordiani becomes Imperial property, since by Roman Law the family wealth of the Caesars belongs to the Empire and vice versa — they are one and the same.

Meanwhile, no army has marched from Rome, but word has reached the camp of Maximinus of the events of the last few months. Maximinus marches his army from Germany towards Rome, but hits resistance at Aquileia in extreme northeastern Italy, still almost 400 miles from Rome. Expecting to meet a massive army from Rome, tired of continual warfare with no respite, with dwindling food supplies, and discouraged at the thought of battling against the Rome they have pledged to defend, Maximinus' officers hold a council of war and decide that their best strategy is to dispatch a messenger to the Senate with the heads of Maximinus and Maximus.

The Senate receives this gift with great joy and relief, but Balbinus and Pupienus are still unpopular with the citizenry and with the Praetorians, who are miffed that they had no voice in their choice. Within a month the Praetorians storm the palace, drag out the two Emperors, and the

hacked-up bodies of Pupienus and Balbinus are dragged through the streets of Rome and are tossed into the Tiber as garbage.

Thus Gordian III becomes the seventh Emperor of AD238 and the third thirteen-year-old Emperor in the past twenty years, following Elagabalus, who became Emperor at age 13 in AD218 on the murder of Macrinus, and Severus Alexander, who became Emperor at age 13 in AD222 on the murder of his first cousin Elagabalus. Sestertii of Gordian III are extremely common.

So AD238 has now become the year of the shortest civil war in the history of the Roman Empire, as well as the year boasting the greatest number of Caesars.

Gordian III will lead a troubled Empire for five and a half years (age 13 to 19), at first guided by the senate, then under the tutelage of his father-in-law Timesitheus, the Praetorian Prefect. Gordian at age 16 has married Timesetheus' daughter Tranquillina. But Timesitheus is murdered in 243 and "Philip the Arab" becomes the new Praetorian Prefect. Within a few months Gordian III is assassinated and Philip becomes the new ruler of the Empire.

Club Archives

In 2002 Bill Burd took over the position of Archivist from Phil Carrigan, who subsequently delivered all items in his possession to Chicago Coin Company. They included ledgers, club publications, photos, correspondence, and financials. Tokens, medals, and important papers remained in a Club safe deposit box which was first opened in the late 1980s.

In 2002 a committee was formed and all items in the box were reviewed and matched against the inventory. Duplicates were removed and placed in the Club auction in November of 2002.

In 2012 the items were again inventoried and the box closed. The contents of the box were taken to Chicago Coin Company for safekeeping.

At a Club Board Meeting in 2014, it was agreed a master list of all items in the archives should be produced. Bill Burd created the list, and after review by several Club officers, it was decided to go to print. In March of 2015, one hundred copies of the inventory were printed in booklet form and is now available to any club member wishing a copy. Email Bill at wildburd@att.net and he will mail you a copy.

All items listed in the booklet are at Chicago Coin Co., Inc. at 6455 W. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. Any member wishing to see a particular item should contact Bill Burd at the above address.

All expenses incurred in the production of this booklet were paid for by Chicago Coin Company with no costs incurred by the Club.

Our 1157th Meeting

Date: May 13, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured speakers: **Mark Wieclaw** — *Peter the Great Beard Tax Tokens*
Czar Peter the Great of Russia was convinced his country was backward and needed to be more like western Europe. To bring about modernization, Peter decreed in 1705 that men shave off their beards or pay a tax. Peasants and clerics were exempt, but all other men who wanted to wear a beard paid an annual fee and needed to carry a token as proof of payment. The tax was levied according to rank, reaching a maximum of 100 rubles for wealthy merchants. Peter the Great is one of history's most fascinating people and many books were written on his efforts to modernize Russia. Those who attend this program will see examples and hear the history of these unique numismatic tokens.

Steve Zitowsky — *Platinum "Coins" Found in The Field Museum Collection*
Steve Zitowsky is a 20+ year volunteer at The Field Museum in Chicago. Currently working in the Science and Education (Geology) Department, he recently discovered they hold platinum coins in their collections. Platinum was often discovered with gold ore, but it took years for technology to develop so that the "useless" metal could be efficiently refined, utilized, and valued as it is today. Although there are some examples of platinum used by ancient cultures, it was early 19th century counterfeiters in the Spanish colonies in the Americas who began to "mint" coins of platinum. This is a little-known era of numismatic history. Be sure to join us and hear the story of platinum's first coinage.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
The Basics of Numismatic Exhibiting

a presentation by Jeffrey Rosinia,
to our April 8, 2015 meeting

Jeff started his program by distributing the most recent NUMISMATIC EXHIBITING outline written by Joe Boling, the ANA's chief judge. An exhibit is a great way to tell a story, but if you are going to tell a story, tell it well! In this program Jeff emphasized certain points by citing both his past exhibits and some he is preparing for August. Exhibiting is something anyone can do, but it does take some effort. Exhibiting is a great teaching method — benefitting both you, while doing your research, as well as the viewer of the finished exhibit.

Draw in the viewers with the title and displayed objects, hold their attention with interesting details, but be careful not to drive them away with too much! Start building your exhibit by picking a theme/topic, and then gathering supporting material — do not be afraid if the topic has to be adjusted to match what has been accumulated. Jeff showed us some of his acquired items that relate, directly or indirectly, to the March of Dimes. He acquired them from a number of sources, and now is trying to determine which items go together in telling a story. relating

Years ago, typewriter and paper were used in both planning and producing an exhibit, but these tasks have been greatly simplified by the use of word processors. We saw one possible outline of subtopics for a March of Dimes exhibit. Jeff's challenge now is to reduce the amount of text, either by being succint or by removing extraneous items. He often asks himself, "Why am I including this?" Content is important, but do not forget about presentation.

Jeff's exhibits use straight lines and rectangles, so his equipment includes a right-angle and paper cutter. No matter the style or effect you wish to achieve, it is important that you have the proper tools for it; a poorly made mashup of contrasting styles seldom works.

The final step in exhibiting is setting up the exhibit for the public. Pre-fabricate as much of the exhibit as possible, to reduce the needed time and the chance of mistakes. Exhibitors used to make a map of each case, to ensure nothing was missing and everything was in the right place. Now, with a smartphone, it is possible to photograph each case at home once its layout is complete, and then compare each setup case against its photo.

An excellent reference is John Eshbach's article Preparing a Winning Exhibit at https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/convention-exhibits/john-r-eshbachs-preparing-a-winning-exhibit

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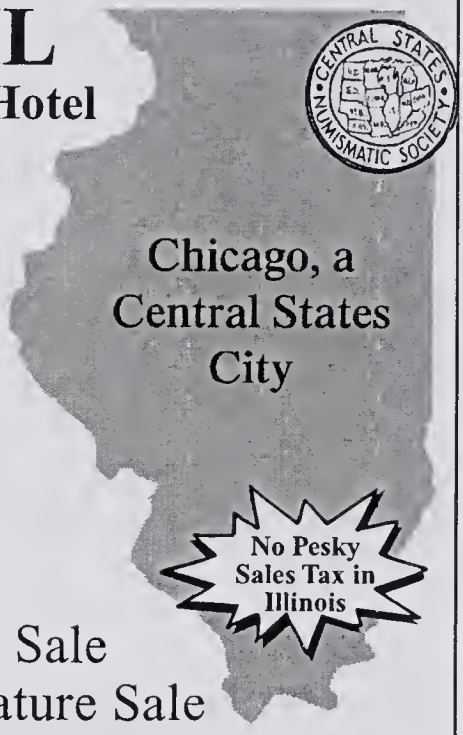

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our April 8, 2015 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. **Eugene Freeman** presented four coins from Colonial Mexico / Mexico City.
   a. Four reales M-G (Nesmith 50, KM18), late series 1542-43. In the Ponterio & Associates Aug. 8, 2009 Los Angeles ANA auction catalog, sale #150, Kent Ponterio wrote an article that traces the assayers and their probable dates for the Carlos y Juana series. A PDF of this 10-page article is available from the US Mexican Numismatic Association website, for members of the Association.
   b. Two 8 reales: 1778 Mo-FF of Charles III, and 1789 Mo-FM of Charles IV. After Charles III died, before the portrait of Charles IV arrived in Mexico City, the mint continued to use the portrait of Charles III. This went from 1789 through part of 1790. The Charles IV 8 reales featuring the portrait of Charles III is KM-107. In 1790 the new portrait arrived, and so there is KM-108 of "Charles IIII" with the corrected bust. KM-108 applies to 1790 only; KM-109 starts with 1791 onward.
   c. 2 reales Mo-FF from 1781, a high-grade die clash. Eugene observed that die-clashed coins normally come in much lower grades than this example.
2. **John Connolly** showed 2 medals.
   a. 800th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club, bronze medal featuring Janus head, Sept. 14, 1985. The medal was designed by Carl Wolf.
   b. A New York Numismatic Club bronze medal from 2014 featuring two New York World's Fair anniversaries: on one side the 75th anniversary of the 1939 fair, and on the other the 50th anniversary of the 1964 fair. Both sides featured recognizable motifs from their respective fair.
3. **Steve Zitowsky** discussed a silver British coronation medal of Queen Anne, 1702, recently discovered to have been designed by Sir Isaac Newton. Newton's reverse design depicts Britannia striking down a double-headed sea monster. In the iconography of this 18th Century propaganda, the creature with two heads represents the joint threat of the French king, Louis XIV, and the so-called "Old Pretender," James Stuart. Queen Anne was the daughter of the deposed Catholic monarch, James II, and the old king's son, James Stuart, was living in exile and claiming that he had a more legitimate right to the throne. The medal shows Queen Anne facing this threat of a Catholic alliance between France and the exiled Stuarts, headed by her half-brother James.
4. **Darren Hooper** showed coins culled from change by a friend of his.

a. 1954-D Jefferson nickel and a 1954-D Lincoln cent, both from the same tip jar.
b. 1939 Lincoln Cent.
c. 1989 Canadian $1 "loonie."
d. 2000 bi-metallic Canadian $2 "toonie."
e. 1970-S proof Washington quarter, from the Walgreens at Milwaukee & Damen.

5. **Deven Kane** brought 5 coins to show.
   a. ISLAMIC, Umayyad Caliphate. temp. 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan. AH 65-86 / AD 685-705. Æ Fals (14mm, 1.47g, 10h). Arab-Byzantine Standing Caliph type. Halab (Aleppo) mint. Struck circa 690s. Caliph standing facing, placing hand on hilt of sword / Transformed cross; bi-halab to left, waf to right. SICA 1, 615; Album 3529. VF, earthen black patina. Unusually sharp face of the caliph. This is a style Deven referred to a couple of months back, when he brought other Arab Byzantine coins.
   b. Mongols, Great Khans. Chingiz (Genghis). 602-624 / 1206-1227. BI jital (22.0 mm, 3.91 g, 5 h). Qunduz mint, dated 68 A.H. Bow and arrow motif within hexafoil. Album 1972; Tye 334. The jital coinage started with the bull and horsemen coinage of the Hindu Shahis of Afghanistan. It was retained by the Ghaznavid conquerors of the region but the images were gradually weeded out. The Kharvazemians who supplanted the Ghaznavids extended it across Persia. The Mongols issued them until the Il-Khanate of Persia replaced them. Jitals have been found from Persia all the way to the Southern Indian Sultanate of Madura which issued the last varieties in the 14th century.
   c. Three Mexican Pesos.
      i. The first, issued by the Emperor Maximilian. Maximilian was the brother of the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef I who accepted the offer of the Mexican crown from Napoleon III. Most of Mexico resented the foreign intervention and rallied behind President Juarez. A well-meaning man, Maximilian was more liberal than the conservatives who supported his regime and tried to offer Juarez the position of prime minister. Juarez however refused to acquiesce to foreign intervention. Ultimately the end of the US civil war and the threat of American intervention forced Napoleon III to end his Mexican fiasco. Maximilian could have escaped but would not abandon his supporters. Even though world leaders pleaded for clemency, Juarez had him shot in 1867 to make a point that Mexico would not accept foreign rule. There is a statue of Juarez at the Plaza of the Americas near the Wrigley building.

      ii. The second peso was issued in 1870 when Juarez was still president, with the common motif of the Phrygian cap of

liberty.

iii. The third peso is from 1903 during the Diaz dictatorship. These pesos are also referred to as *pesos fuertes*, because they are slightly heavier (and therefore contain more silver) than the 8 reales they had recently replaced.

The Phrygian cap is derived as a symbol of liberty from the roman Pileus, a cap given to freed slaves and which appears on the EID MAR denarius. Its association with liberty is likely due to confusion during the classic revival of the 18th and 19th centuries.

6. **Adam Olszewski** showed four coins from the early Roman imperial era.
   a. Dual-portrait (obverse & reverse) of Claudius and Augustus, 41-54 AD.
   b. Germanicus, 43-44 AD.
   c. Caligula.
   d. Denarius "tribute coin" of Tiberius, 14-37 AD.
7. **Rich Lipman** talked about 3 modern bank notes of small entities which have declined to unite with their larger neighbors.
   a. Bank of Northern Ireland 50 pounds sterling, 2004. The bank notes are legal, but not legal tender: i.e., it is not obligatory for UK citizens to accept the money outside of Northern Ireland, although often times the notes are indeed accepted.
   b. Gibraltar, 50 pounds sterling, 1986.
   c. Comoros Islands (off Mozambique, in the Indian Ocean), 10 thousand francs.
8. **Richard Hamilton** brought a stock certificate (10 shares) dated 1916, from the REO Motor Car Company. The certificate was signed by Ransom E. Olds, the founder of REO. It is rare to have a stock certificate signed by the company president. R.E. Olds founded Oldsmobile, had a falling-out, and went on to found REO in 1904. After REO ceased building cars, it continued to build foundations for trucks and buses. The company closed down in 1974.
9. **Bob Feiler** showed off some gems obtained during his snowbird trip to Florida.
   a. An 1836 and 1887 British half-crown, both enameled (6 colors and 5 colors, respectively). They were made into pin backs for a gentleman (or lady) to wear.
   b. A British coin scale to verify a one-half or one gold sovereign. The sovereign would fit edge-wise into a slot and need to match the expected weight and edge width. The coin could also be laid down flat/horizontally and be expected to fit snugly into the round space allotted for its denomination.
   c. 1917 $1 Legal Tender note, on the back of which was a soldier's hand-printed note home to his mother. Bob bought it off the wall of a coin dealer in Ft. Lauderdale.
   d. 1887 $20 gold box Thaler obtained at FUN. A delicate switch at

the "3" position opens the coin to reveal a Swiss watch. The watch continues to be in good working order.

10. **Richard Feely** discussed 4 items from his ANA Exhibit, "First 30 Years of Vatican Gold."
    a. 100 Lire gold, Pius XI, 1933-34.
    b. 10 centesimi dated 1938. It is a bronze coin and one of only 6 known. Production stopped when Pius XI died in 1938.
    c. 100 Lire gold, Pius XII, 1950.
    d. 100 Lire gold, John XXIII, 1959.
11. **Jeffrey Dohm** showed about some coins he picked up in Las Vegas.
    a. Polish coins: 1933 10 zlotych, 1936 5 zlotych, and 1936 2 zlote.
    b. New Zealand florins with the kiwi motif: 1937 1 florin, and 1946 "flat back" kiwi.
    c. Denarius, with a portrait of Ahala (magister) on one side, and Brutus (consul) on the other.
12. **Mark Wieclaw** brought 3 items.
    a. A 10-year service award from a Printing Company to one of its employees, circa late-1970s. It was a blue-felt display box with ten 20-franc gold coins. Estimated to be about $300 at the time.
    b. Tetraobol of King Perikles, from Lycia (375-360 BC). This coin is the first known to depict a human.
    c. Tetradrachm from the Paeonian Kingdom (340-315 BC), with a portrait of Apollo. The portrait and reverse are exceptionally well-executed. Mark observed that most cities could not afford to employ the best die cutters — often they would be hired for a specific coin or short period of time. This coin demonstrates accomplished artistry and attention to detail.

Minutes of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

April 24, 2015

The fifth meeting of the 2015 ANA Convention Committee was held April 24, 2015 in conjunction with the 76th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society Convention, Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL.

Convention Host Chairman, Jeffrey Rosinia, called the meeting to order at 1 PM in the Prosperity Room with the following committee members in attendance: Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Melissa Gumm, Eugene Freeman, Sharon Blocker, Paul Hybert, Rich Lipman, Scott McGowan, and Carl Wolf. Also in attendance were ANA Director of Conventions Rhonda Scurek, and members of her staff Jennifer Croak and Sam Joseph. ANA President Walter Ostromecki joined the meeting in progress.

1. Jeff welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Update report from Rhonda was moved to later in the meeting.

3. Confirmed: the ANA will return to Chicago in 2019 to celebrate the Club's centennial year.
4. Budget & Planned Expenses
    a. Department of the Treasury will attend with their billion dollar display.
    b. Doug Davis will teach police officers on solving numismatic crimes.
    c. ANA will receive 46 parking vouchers every day for volunteers.
    d. There will be a section set aside on Saturday, August 15, for "numismatic appraisals."
    e. The Banquet will be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel.
5. Committee Reports:
    a. Rich Lipman, Assistant Host Chairman, main responsibility is to deliver a "welcome" before every club meeting.
    b. Pages – Elliott Krieter Chairman (not present)
        i. Dale Carlson has agreed to serve as Assistant Chairman.
        ii. Looking for a second Assistant as there may be employment issues.
        iii. July 9 is the application deadline for pages.
    c. Scouts – Eugene Freeman
        i. Traveling to coin shows with flyers.
        ii. Attended a Scouting Merit Badge Clinic with 2,000 scouts.
        iii. Sam Gelbred on the ANA Staff will be the contact.
    d. Ambassador Volunteers – Carl Wolf
        i. Reported that many volunteers have submitted their application, but the numbers are down slightly.
        ii. Met with Marc Stackler and Charles Mages to consider volunteer training, setting up an "ASK ME" booth.
    e. Money Talks – Mark Wieclaw
        i. The deadline for submitting program proposals is May 22nd.
        ii. The application is on the ANA web site.
        iii. The link was emailed to Club members and supporters.
        iv. Hoping to recruit talks on security.
    f. Silent Auction – Mark Wieclaw Assisting Harlan Berk
        i. Expecting Harlan to gather good numismatic material.
        ii. Rhonda is expecting material from Dallas, Texas businesses to promote the upcoming National Money Show March 3-6, 2016.
    g. Exhibit Chairman – Melissa Gumm
        i. The deadline for exhibit applications changed to June 19th.
        ii. Attending several suburban coin club meetings to recruit exhibitors, volunteers, speakers, etc.
        iii. Rhonda confirmed that exhibitor medals are on order.
6. Update from Rhonda
    a. The WFM is the only event scheduled at the convention center.
    b. A lobby food court similar to 2011 will be set up with improved food.
    c. Volunteer station will have two tables and a back-up.

d. Hall D will hold exhibits and will open early to registrants.
e. Education rooms will be Room 1-14 first floor and Room 21-24 on second floor.
f. VIP Registration Forms were passed out to attendees, and Jeff was given extra copies.

7. ANA President Walter Ostromicki
   a. Expressed his admiration of the various Chicago Convention Committees.
   b. He will serve as Host Chairman at the August 9-13, 2016 World's Fair of Money, Anaheim, California.
   c. Using the Chicago Committees as a model.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

May	**13**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speakers - **Mark Wieclaw** on *Peter the Great Beard Tax Tokens*, and **Steve Zitowsky** on *Platinum "Coins" Found in The Field Museum Collection*
June	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Jeffrey Paunicka** on *Currency Doctoring Detection*
July	**8**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **François R. Velde** on *Electrum Coinage*
August	**8-10**	PNG/ANA Numismatic Trade Show. Admission by invitation or $10; details on the PNG Events Calendar at http://www.pngdealers.org/
August	**11-15**	ANA in Rosemont, at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Admission is free for ANA members — for details, see http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com
August	**15**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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2 Months until ANA in Chicago

This is the last *Chatter* issue before the ANA's deadline to submit your Collector Exhibit application — the completed application has to be received at ANA by June 19. The application and rules for exhibiting are on the ANA's web site, at https://www.money.org/numismatic-events /convention-exhibits Please take advantage of this opportunity — the ANA will not be back here until 2019!

Carl Wolf is looking for volunteers to work during the show. He anticipates a free daily parking voucher for each volunteer who works at least four hours on that day. Contact Carl at carlwolfco@msn.com for more details — we do not need to know your schedule now, so email Carl before you forget.

Remember, August 11-15! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1157th Meeting

The 1157th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 13, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. First Vice President Richard Lipman called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 24 members and 1 guest, Mark Schechter.

V.P. Lipman thanked William Burd for donating a new scanner/document viewer used to project exhibits, which was accompanied by a warm round of applause. He also thanked the Secretary for creating an introduction for each monthly speaker.

A motion was passed to accept the April Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported for the month of April revenue of $879.00 expenses of $456.11, net income of $422.89, total assets of $25,255.19 held in Life Membership $1,830.00 and member equity $23425.19. A motion was passed to accept the report.

The membership applications of Dr. Richard Feely and Rhonda Scurek

received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club. The application of Mark Schechter received first reading.

The Secretary delivered a report from the Central States Numismatic Society Convention which included the names of seven members who received eleven exhibit awards* and ANA President Walter Ostromecki's presentation to the Club of a "Points of Numismatic Light Program."

ANA Convention Host Chairman Jeff Rosinia gave an update on a committee meeting with Rhonda Scurek at the CSNS Convention, and pointed out the availability of literature near the room entrance. Jeff gave a detailed report on the cost of creating Club medals for the 2015 ANA Convention and a custom acrylic holder for the 2011, '13, '14 and '15 convention medals. A motion was passed to spend up to $4,500.00, and the Board was given the authority to tweak the numbers if quantities were under or over-guessed.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the featured speakers: Mark Wieclaw on *Russian Beard Tokens of Czar Peter the Great*, and Steve Zitowsky on *Platinum "Coins" Found in The Field Museum*. Following a short question-and-answer period, Marc presented each with an ANA Educational Certificate and engraved Club medal on a neck ribbon.

Marc introduced the ten exhibitors for the evening. EUGENE FREEMAN: 1850 U.S. half cent; RICHARD HAMILTON: Willys-Overland Co. stock certificate; JAMES DAVIS: 4 Civil War store cards; MARK WIECLAW: double-struck new style Athenian tetradrachms (89-88BC), 1965 U.S. mint sets, and elongated coins from CSNS; ROBERT FEILER: U.S. Morgan dollar made into a lighter, 1839 $2 note from Branch Bank at Chicago, and 1794 U.S. large cent copy from Eureka Mint; RICHARD LIPMAN: numismatic themed campaign flyers used for his son's successful election as high school treasurer, plastic coins from Transnistria, and $5 bank note from Pocahontas, Iowa; STEVE AMBOS: 1903 Hardware Convention letter opener fashioned from a nail, 1723 South Seas Company shilling, and 1906 bond, 2000 Kronen, Credit Anstalt set up by the Rothchild's in Austria-Hungary; DREW MICHYETA: story of 2 Koblenz *kriegs geld* coins; DEVEN KANE: 2 17th century luiginos, and 2 coins from the Kingdom of Mysore; JEFF AMELSE: U.S. half cent and 2 large cents with cuds and die cracks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

*Chicago Coin Club members who received an exhibit award at CSNS Convention: Second Place, Foreign Coins Prior to 1500 AD, Bruce Bartelt, "The King as Hero"; First Place, Foreign Coins After 1500 AD, Tom Uram, "Kings and Queens of England Through Maundy Money," also, the John J. Pittman Award for Best Educational Exhibit; Second Place, Medals, Robert Fritsch, "Four Award Medals by Antoine Bovy"; Second Place, U.S. Paper

Money, Dan Freeland, "Selected Michigan Nationals from Charter 8723"; Third Place, Foreign Paper Money, John Wilson, "Guatemala 5 Pesos Issue 1895-1915"; Second Place, Foreign Coins, Dan Freeland, "1955 Israeli Specimen Set"; Second Place, Tokens, Mark Wieclaw, "Peter the Great Beard Tokens"; Third Place, Miscellaneous, Robert Feiler, "The Thrill of the Hunt," also the People's Choice Award, and Best First Time CSNS Exhibitor.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Peter the Great Beard Tax Tokens

a presentation by Mark Wieclaw,
to our May 13, 2015 meeting

Mark started collecting these tokens in the 1980s, and he completed his collection before 2000. There are only four collectible types, and their prices are much higher now. These tokens are reminders of just one of the efforts, by Peter the Great, to modernize Russia (on the Western model).

Peter was born in 1672, and at the age of ten he became co-ruler with his brother Ivan V;. he was named Tsar of all Russia in 1696 upon the death of Ivan. He visited Western Europe several times, and he issued many decrees aimed at westernizing government and society. An absolute ruler can do that, especially one known to be cruel and tyrranical. His attempts at reform were extensive, even extending to men's beards.

It is said that in 1697, at a party to welcome Peter back from a visit to London, Peter clipped the beards of his guests as he hugged and kissed them; many of the leaders took the hint and were beardless at a banquet held a few days later. Shortly after that, a tax was levied on anyone wishing to have facial hair, but priests were exempt. The level of taxation was:

- 100 Rubles — Merchants of the first class.
- 60 Rubles — Courtiers and Officials of all ranks.
- 60 Rubles — lesser merchants and shop keepers.
- 30 Rubles — Persons of the lower orders, coachmen, servants, and lower–grade church employees .
- 1 Kopek — Peasants and city visitors.

Upon payment a token was received and was to be carried at all times. Failure to produce the token on demand would lead to a fine or imprisonment. The first series of tokens was produced in 1698, but these are not collectible as only one piece is known, and it is in the Hermitage Museum. One report says 50,000 were ordered, while an official document discovered in 1930 says 15,903. We know these were used, because an Austrian diplomat described them in a letter home.

The tokens of 1705 are the only originals that collectors will encounter. They are round, struck in copper, and have a mustache and beard with the

inscription "Money taken" on the obverse. The reverse shows a Russian eagle and the date 1705. There are two obverse and two reverse dies, with no cross linkage known. All, except one, have a counter-stamp (two headed eagle) on the obverse, although we do not know why or where they were applied. Both sides have a laurel wreath around the boarder, and no mintages are known. Novodels, as official copies are known, do exist in copper with no counter-stamp. There are also rare pieces struck in silver. The quick way to determine the difference between an original and a novodel is the alignment of the nose and the letter 'A&rdquo above: on the originals the nose is centered with A, while novodels have the nose to the right side of the A. Some pieces were gold plated, but this was done privately.

A new, square shaped token, was proposed but not issued in 1724. This is another noncollectible piece as only a unique pattern exists.

In late 1724 the Senate was shown the 1724 pattern, and on December 13 they directed that 2,000 such pieces be struck with the 1725 date. The obverse says "Tax taken on the beard" with the date. The reverse is blank except for a double boarder of leaves (outer) and triangular foliated ornaments (inner). There were actually 2,600 pieces struck and supposedly placed into circulation. However, on May 17, 1728 a Senate office asked for guidance on what to do with the 2,600 tokens on hand. On June 12, the Senate directed that they be returned to the mint, and melted down to be re-coined as Kopecks. At least one of these escaped the melting pot. Novodels do exist for this piece also. There are two slightly different obverse dies and one reverse die. On some of the tokens using the second die, the edge is lettered "The beard is an extra burden."

Peter the Great had died on February 8, 1725, and the idea of Beard Tokens was dropped by 1752 — even though some novodels were struck into the 1780s.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Radiating Sun — The First United States Money Made in California

a presentation by Robert D. Evans,
to our April 25, 2015 meeting

The California Gold Rush started propelling the United States from being a developing country and onto the path of being a world power. Bob followed that opening statement with a review of the travel options available between California and Washington in 1850. The overland route was the slowest, the faster and more economical way was by way of Panama (some months), and by ship around South America offered some advantages (the record time for that route was 89 days). Those lengths

were for a one-way trip, so it should be obvious that two-way communication between Washington and California was slow. Remember, this was years before a telegraph line was available.

With all of the gold coming from California, two new regular coinage denominations were introduced: a small $1 coin and the large $20 double eagle. (Bob noted that collectors new to US gold might be confused by the $20 coin — although it is called a *double eagle*, there is only a single eagle on the reverse! All makes sense once they know that the $10 gold coin was called the *eagle*.)

Although it is hard to feel sympathy for people with much gold dust and nuggets, there are difficulties in carrying on commerce using dust and nuggets of uncertain fineness. There were some private mints in California, but their quality and acceptance varied. California's Senator William Gwin tried to have Congress authorize a mint in California, but the states with existing mints (Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana) or desirous of a mint (New York) — that is ten senators and many representatives — were against the idea from the start. Facing reality, Gwin introduced a measure to authorize the Secretary of Treasury to contract with some well-established California assaying firm to, under the supervision of a US Assayer appointed by the President, mark ingots and bars with a stamp of the United States, their fineness, and their value. Washington expected the result to be ingots in a range of values, from $50 to $10,000.

Augustus Humbert was sent as the US Assayer, and he took dies with him to California. Moffat & Co. was selected as the local assaying firm to perform the actual work. Bob showed an excerpt from Edgar Adams' *Private Gold Coinage of California, 1849-1855*: a notice from Moffat & Co that it would accept gold dust, starting on or about February 1, 1851, to be made into gold pieces — these Assay Office pieces were the first legal tender items made by the US in the west. Officially, these pieces were ingots and not coins. The obverse die carried no value; the word THOUS appeared in a banner above the central eagle, and the widely spaced letters D and C appeared below the eagle. Each piece would have its fineness stamped into the space before THOUS, with the value in dollars and cents stamped before the D and C. We saw a picture of a piece of 880 fineness with a value of 50D. This system would allow the ingots to have many slightly different values, but commerce would be simplified if all pieces had the same value.

Adams states Humbert arrived in San Francisco on January 30 or 31, and quotes *The Pacific News* of February 1 as stating the first coin was shown to them the prior day. That is a very short timeline, or Adams is wrong. Bob showed us an excerpt from the January 9 *Daily Alta California* which listed, among the passengers arriving on the Tennessee, the US Assayer Augustus Humbert. This gives us a more reasonable timeline.

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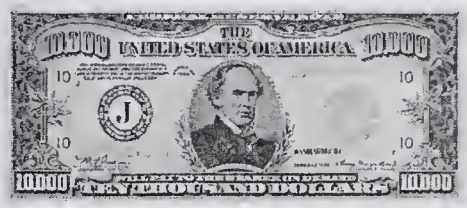

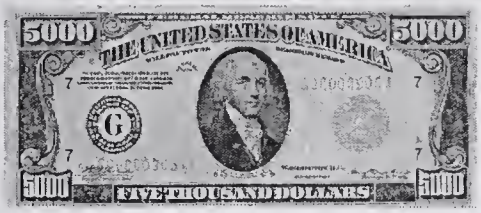

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The Handbook of Greek Coinage Series

This series is being published by Classical Numismatic Group in a series of 13 volumes and is written by Oliver D. Hoover. The first issue was volume 9 and was published in 2009. Listed below are the various volumes which are now in my library and available for reference.

~ ***Coins of Sicily (Including Lipara)***, Civic, Royal, Siculo-Punic, and Romano-Sicilian Issues, Sixth to First Centuries BC, 2012, Volume 2

~ ***Coins of Northern and Central Greece***, Achaia Phthiotis, Ainis, Magnesia, Malis, Oita, Perrhaibia, Thessaly, Akarnania, Aitolia, Lokris, Phokis, Boiotia, Euboia, Attica, Megaris, and Corinthia, Sixth to First Centuries BC, 2014, Volume 4

~ ***Coins of the Peloponnesos***, Achaia, Phleiasia, Sikyonia, Elis, Triphylia, Messenia, Lakonia, Argolis, and Arkadia, Sixth to First Centuries BC, 2011, Volume 5

~ ***Coins of the Islands***, Adriatic, Ionian, Thracian, Aegean, and Carpathian Seas (excluding Crete and Cyprus), Sixth to First Centuries BC, 2010, Volume 6

~ ***Coins of Northern and Central Anatolia***, Pontos, Paphlagonia, Bithynia, Phrygia, Galatia, Lykaonia, and Kappadokia (with Kolchis and the Kimmerian Bosporos), Fifth to First Centuries BC, 2012, Volume 7

~ ***Syrian Coins***, Royal and Civic Issues, Fourth to First Centuries BC, 2009, Volume 9

~ ***Coins of the Southern Levant***, Phoenicia, Southern Koile Syria (including Judaea), and Arabia, Fifth to First Centuries BC, 2010, Volume 10

~ ***Coins of Baktria and Ancient India***, Including Sogdiana, Margiana, Areia, and the Indo-Greek, Indo-Skythian, and Native Indian States South of the Hindu Kush, Fifth Century BC to First Century AD, 2013, Volume 12

Produced over a span of two months, there are four known varieties of these pieces, known as K-1 through K-4 (K is for Kagin who identified them). The same obverse die was used for all four varieties, while the reverses are similar but different: a few concentric circles at the center, maybe surrounded by at attempt at rays, with much of the remaining area filled with concentric wavy scalloped lines (the lathe work mentioned by Adams). Not only is the K-3 piece unique, but its reverse also is unique (at least partially engraved instead of completely die struck). Returning momentarily to Adams, we saw mention of the March 20-25, 1885 Woodward sale having a "unique trial impression from the dies of the California octagon Fifty Dollar piece — Reverse, Lathe work." Bob then asked us three questions:

- Could the K-3 be this "unique trial impression?"
- Does that mean it could also be the "first coin" shown to *The Pacific News* on January 31, 1851?
- What does Woodward mean by "Lathe work?"

The rest of Bob's program focused on his ongoing effort at answering these questions. A complete pedigree of K-3 would be useful, but some gaps remain even after help from others. Start with the 1885 Woodward sale mentioned above — there is no such sale. Former ANS librarian Elizabeth Hahn found there is an 1865 Leavitt-Woodward sale, but the catalog is not illustrated. As we learn more, we ask more questions. How did it arrive in the Woodward sale, and is it really the K-3? What happened between 1865 and 1927 when it appeared in London, illustrated as part of the Peltzer Collection of American Coins offered by Glendining. What happened between 1927 and 1956 when it appeared in New York, illustrated in the June 19-20 New Netherland auction? Regarding the MacAllister that is mentioned for that period, audience member Mark Borckardt mentioned that a Macallister contributed to the Morganthau catalogs of the 1930s and '40s.

The four K-1 through K-4 varieties were struck using the same obverse die. What can the pieces themselves tell us? John Dannreuther has examined mint state examples of the four varieties; the condition of the ribbon at the right side of the eagle seems to place K-1 as the earliest die state. Bob's conclusion, for now, is *inconclusive*, and he continues to research this matter. If you missed this meeting and wish for more details than in this article, David Lisot made a video of the meeting. And we look forward to a future publication once conclusive evidence has been found.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Platinum "Coins" Found in The Field Museum Collection

a presentation by Steve Zitowsky,
to our May 13, 2015 meeting

During his more than 20 years working as a volunteer at The Field Museum in Chicago, Steve has seen many interesting things. But he still can be pleasantly surprised, as when he recently was cataloging part of the geology collection. This area encompasses, among other things, minerals, meteorites, amd gem stones.

Under the heading Minerals, Platinum were three coins, all identified as from "The Kunz Collection." Dating back to the museum's original collection, these had been donated by George Frederick Kunz, a self-taught mineralogist whose expertise landed him at Tiffany & Co — he was a vice president by age of 23! As a special agent for the US Geological Survey, he headed up the US mining and mineralogical exhibits at the 1893 Columbian Expo.

The collection has three platinum coins, but the first two are counterfeits of gold coins! A 1771 8 escudos showing an armored bust of Carlos III has the gold plating wearing off of the high areas, and it appears someone hacked about 80% of the way through it with a sharp blade; it weighs 26.88 grams instead of the expected 27.07 grams. An 1856 100 reales of Isabella II has edge damage and is in two pieces — the top fifth was hacked off somehow; the two pieces weigh a combined 8.44 grams instead of the expected 8.33 grams. The last piece was genuine — an 1829 3 rouble coin of Russia, weighing 10.32 grams instead of the expected 10.35 grams — one of 43,000 minted.

An obvious question today would be, "Why make a counterfeit with precious metal?" The short answer is, "Platinum was not precious at that time!" Originally discovered among the leftovers from refining silver in Spanish colonial South America, it was named *platino* or "little silver." It occurs natively, as well as in some nickel, gold, and copper ores — it was first found in South America, and then in the Ural Mountains of Russia. Platinum has a high melting point and can be difficult to work; with a little alloy metal added, the result can have the same density as gold. Its discovery was announced in 1748, and the first documented official shipment to Spain was in 1766. After summarizing platinum's its early history in South America, Steve discussed what is known of the counterfeits.

We know of contemporary counterfeits of European gold coins with dates from the 1850s to the 1870s. Made from platinum and gold plated,

some circumstantial evidence points to Barcelona or the surrounding area as the source. In 1979, G.P. Dyer published an informative paper on the counterfeit British coins in the *Bulletin on Counterfeits*, but Steve has not been able to locate comparable studies of the counterfeits of French and Spanish gold coins. Dyer found no evidence of their manufacture after about 1880; possibly the rising price of platinum rendered continued counterfeiting uneconomical. A correctly attributed gold plated platinum sovereign, dated 1872, appeared in the December 2007 World Numismatic Auctions — it did not sell.

Steve concluded the program by wondering about the fate of these counterfeits — as the gilding wore off and their true nature was revealed, were these pieces scrapped as junk, or was their value as platinum recovered?

Our 1158th Meeting

Date: June 10, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured speaker: **Jeffrey Paunicka** — *Currency Doctoring Detection*
The popularity of currency collecting continues to grow. Since the high-grade-banknotes command premium prices, collectors need to become educated on how to distinguish the genuine-high-grade-banknotes from the artificially-improved-banknotes. Be sure to attend this presentation and learn the many ways damaged and lesser-graded banknotes are passed on without the buyer's knowledge. Jeff Paunicka has over 50 years of experience as a currency collector and dealer. His program includes ways to detect repair of damage caused by: water, solvent, PVC, bleach, acid, pressing, starch, and more.

Minutes of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

May 20, 2015

The sixth meeting of the 2015 ANA Convention Committee was held May 20, 2015 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago. Host Chairman, Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6 PM with the following committee members in attendance: Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Harlan Berk, Melissa Gumm, Marc Stackler, Elliott Krieter, Robert Feiler, Rich Lipman and Carl Wolf.

1. Harlan Berk was thanked for providing the meeting place and dinner.
2. Jeff had a telephone conversation with Rhonda Scurek with the following updates:
    a. The interactive floor plan on the Web is accurate
    b. The ANA has received some good responses for the Money Talks Program
    c. The number of exhibit and page applications is low, but typically there is a big rush the week before the deadline arrives.
    d. The ANA is working very hard at getting members to preregister on the Web
3. Money Talks Speaker Medals
    a. Carl Wolf reported that the Board and general membership approved of another Standing Lincoln medal and it is on order.
    b. This 2015 version will be a bronze medal with a digitized color giving the appearance of a sunset on the Lincoln side only.
4. Budget, Hotel Rooms, Future Committee Scheduling – Jeff Rosinia
    a. A sheet with convention dates was passed and chairman were asked to check off the dates they will need hotel rooms
    b. The third Wednesday, June 17 and July 15 will be the committee's last two meetings before the convention
5. Committee Reports:
    a. Honorary Host: Harlan Berk
        i. Working at gathering items for the Silent Auction and intends to speak to several dealer friends to offer their home and collection for a private viewing
        ii. Brought up and lead a discussion on an activity of a Tuesday night, such as dinner cruise on Lake Michigan, bowling, etc.
        iii. Carl Wolf reported on a telephone conversation with the New York Numismatic Club and their members are very interested in holding another joint social dinner.
    b. Scout Chairman: Eugene Freeman, unable to attend
    c. Volunteer Chairman: Carl Wolf
        i. Reported a shortage of 20 volunteers and requested help from committee members.
        ii. Reported the status of Floor Captains had improved over the

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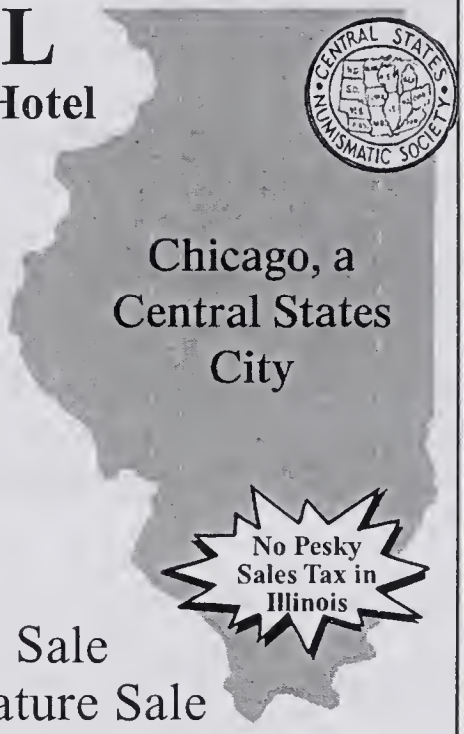

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past 30 days.

iii. Reviewed how many extra volunteers would be needed in the exhibit area and at the Money Talks Program.

d. Money Talks Chairman: Mark Wieclaw
   i. The deadline for submitting program proposals is May 22nd
   ii. The application is on the ANA web site
   iii. Discussed a need for several dependable volunteers
   iv. Also helping Harlan with the Silent Auction and told of items he has gathered

e. Exhibit Chairman: Melissa Gumm,
   i. The deadline for exhibit applications is June 19.
   ii. Received email from Mark Lighterman, National Exhibits Coordinator
   iii. Believed that she, Paul Hybert and, Sharon Blocker would be the full time exhibit workers.

6. Miscellaneous:
   a. Jeff reminded all Chairman and Assistant Chairman to fill out the VIP Registration Form if they wish to receive a discounted banquet ticket.
   b. Jeff will try to get more media coverage the week before the convention begins.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

June 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Jeffrey Paunicka** on *Currency Doctoring Detection*

July 8 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **François R. Velde** on *Electrum Coinage*

August 8-10 PNG/ANA Numismatic Trade Show. Admission by invitation or $10; details on the PNG Events Calendar at http://www.pngdealers.org/

August 11-15 ANA in Rosemont, at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Admission is free for ANA members — for details, see http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com

August 15 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Show and Tell

Items shown at our May 13, 2015 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. **Eugene Freeman** brought an 1850 USA Braided Hair half cent he had recently acquired. The design was used 1840-1857, but business strikes were minted in only eight of those years (1849-57, excluding 1852). Three of those years — 1849, 1850, and 1857 — are ranked as Rarity 2 (500-1,250 known) by Breen. It was the last design for half cents, which were discontinued as part of 1857 coinage reform.
2. **Richard Hamilton** talked about his stock certificate of the Willys-Overland Company, 100 shares common stock. The certificate was printed by American Bank Note Company. Willys-Overland was in Toledo, OH, and was the principal company among 3 that produced jeeps in World War II. The company has since had several owners, including Daimler Benz. As of Oct 2014 the current owner is Fiat.
3. **Jim Davis** brought 4 copper tokens.
   a. Patriotic Civil War token, Army-Navy.
   b. Civil War store card, J. Pearce, Lingomer, Indiana. There are less than 200 known of this copper coin. (Jim went on to explain that "store cardsrldquo; are token coins issued by stores to be spent / redeemed at the store. All of the store cards shown tonight were the equivalent of one cent, and about the size of a contemporary small cent.)
   c. Civil War store card, Gustavus Lindenmueller, a bar owner from New York City.
   d. Civil War store card, M.L. Marshall Department Store, Oswego, NY, 1863. Among its departments was Rare Coins.
4. **Mark Wieclaw** showed various items.
   a. Two 1965 Special Mint Sets. 1965 was one of the years when the Mint made no proof sets, only sets containing special (supposedly better than normal) strikes.
   b. Two elongated coins left over from the Central States convention. One of them was an "error," with only half the CSNS design rolled onto this 1970-S cent.
   c. Athens "new style" tetradrachm, 89-88 BC, double struck. Oddly, only Athena's head is double struck, not the dotted border or any other design elements. Another ancient coin expert remarked it can happen that way.
5. **Bob Feiler** regaled us with 3 interesting finds.
   a. A well-executed copy of a 1794 Large Cent, produced by the

Eureka Mint. It complies with the Hobby Protection Act (is marked COPY), and is sold as a souvenir.

b. $2 Branch State Bank At Chicago, obsolete bank note, dated May 1, 1839. The note had been repaired with cellophane tape. Being an inexpensive item, Bob plans to remove the tape and replace it with archival tape. The method involves soaking the note in cool water until the adhesive loosens, then using a tool to apply just enough pressure for the archival tape to be applied. Removing cellophane tape and replacing it with archival tape doesn't repair the note. The note is still "Poor," and now in addition to tape damage it will have been soaked in water. But, the adhesive in cellophane tape damages the paper; archival tape will not do any more damage than has already been done.

c. A cigarette lighter made from two 1921 Morgan dollars. It still works!

6. **Rich Lipman** presented 3 exhibits.
   a. Various campaign flyers for his son's successful run for high school treasurer. The items ranged from flyers with money puns to funny bills (3 Stooges money, e.g.).
   b. Four small plastic coins from Transnistria, a self-proclaimed "country" (territory in Moldova along the border with Ukraine, with many Russia speakers). These are the first plastic coins issued by a "sovereign nation."
   c. $5 National Bank of Pocahontas, Iowa, ca. late 19th century, with a vignette of Benjamin Harrison.
7. **Steve Ambos** discussed a few items.
   a. A letter opener fashioned from a nail which could be driven into concrete. It was offered as advertising at a 1903 Hardware Convention.
   b. 1723 South Seas Company shilling. The company was created for the English crown to refinance debt. Shares in the company skyrocketed on speculation, and then collapsed. The silver coins were minted only 1 year, during the speculation craze.
   c. 1906 Bond, 2000 Kronen, Credit Anstalt. Credit Anstalt was set up by the Rothschild's in Austria-Hungary. It survived as an Austrian bank after World War I. In 1931 it defaulted. The default created a ripple effect causing other European banks to fail, deepening the financial crises already started from 1929.
8. **Drew Micheyta** related a story of two Koblenz *kriegs geld* coins. Thirty years ago he used to buy 5-lb bags of silver. He sorted out the crowns for his collection. The rest of the coins went back into bags, ignored all these years. Recently he started going through them and found a 1918 25 pfennig war issue (kriegs geld). He told

his wife he recognized this coin, went into the basement, and pulled out a 1918 10 pfennig kriegs geld. His wife, amazed, said "You can't remember where you put your keys yesterday, but you remember coins from 25 years ago!" Drew replied, "That's the miracle of numismatics!"

9. **Deven Kane** presented 4 coins to the attendees:
    a. The first two were acquired from a group lot, thinking they were two Luigini of Tassarolo, but instead acquiring two different types: an original French coin of Louis XIV dated 1658, and a 1667 imitation from Fosdinovo with a portrait of Anne-Marie Louise d'Orléans. Luigino was the name given in Italy to coins imitating the petit louis, a French silver coin one twelfth of a Louis (Douzième d'Ecu). The coins were originally minted by Louis XIII when France moved to machine made coins, and they became very popular in the Ottoman Empire where they were used as jewelry and on clothes. The demand was so insane that the Turks were soon paying twice the value of the silver. This naturally soon led to imitations by various sources around Europe. The demand was so great that the Turkish soldiers laying siege to the Venetians in the 20-year siege of Candia demanded to be paid in Luigini. The problem was that the Italian mints soon started debasing the silver, fakes became rampant, and the Turks got very annoyed at paying good silver at inflated values for debased silver. And the English (who had traded for the coins) were annoyed that they were getting paid in coins with about a third of the silver value they should have had.
    b. A fanam of King Kanthirava Narasa from the Kingdom of Mysore. The obverse is a stylized representation of the deity Narasimha from the statue at Hampi (the capital of the earlier Vijaynagar Empire), unusual enough that we know the source of the imagery.
    c. The next coin is a Pavali (¼ rupee) of the Kingdom of Mysore. The dancing deity is often supposed to be the goddess Chamundi, the local patron deity, but Deven prefers the interpretation that it is a representation of Balakrishna (i.e. young Kirshna) dancing with a ball of butter (the young Krishna supposedly loved butter and would constantly raid the pantry). The issuing monarch is Krishnaraja Wodeyar III which could support an interpretation that this was his namesake on the coin.
10. **Jeff Amelse** showed some interesting early copper die states.
    a. 1804 half cent, C-6 "spiked chin," state 11 with massive cuds on the reverse.
    b. 1846 large cent, variety N-12 in state e, with obverse rim

cuds from Stars 2-5 and 5-6. He had submitted it to Bob Grellman for attribution and grading in April, 1999; Bob replied that it was tied for Condition Census #3 of 9 known at the time.

c. Multiple examples of the N-12 variety of 1831 large cent, showing the progression of an obverse die crack through cud formation. States include:
    i. State A, VERY VERY early with die break starting at Star 2 and ending with just a point showing beyond Star 13.
    ii. State A, very early with crack extending beyond Star 13, but not branching to the rim.
    iii. State A-, early with a weak crack extending beyond Star 13 and branching to the rim. This branch would later define the end of a cud.
    iv. State B, two point break, with cud extending through 2 of 5 points of Star 13.
    v. State C, 3 point break, which is a rare die state.
    vi. Jeff does not have the final State D with cud covering Stars 12 and 13, known as the "Harpooned Whale." He showed a picture of a VF example currently on eBay for $3850.
d. Multiple examples of varieties N-2 and N-3 of the 1849 large cent. These varieties share similar but different extensive crumbling on the reverse. There are 33 states of N-2, and 22 states of N-3. Jeff showed 7 examples of N-2 in States l, m-n, p, two in q, t, and terminal state gg. He showed 3 examples of N-3 (Rarity 4 as a variety), including states f and two in terminal state v.
e. 1852 large cent, N-6 with strong cud Stars 10.5-12. This is a reasonably common late date with cud. In general other late dates with rim cuds are very rare.

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Another 2015 CSNS Note

At 12:30 PM on Friday, April 24 at the 76th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society (April 22-25, 2015), American Numismatic Association President Walter Ostromecki made the following presentation to the Chicago Coin Club at their information booth on bourse floor. The certificate reads:

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A group assembled to hear Walt make many complimentary remarks of the Club and express the ANA's happiness to return to Chicago in 2019 to help celebrate the Club's 100th Anniversary. He stated that the Chicago Coin Club is only the third club to receive '***A POINT OF NUMISMATIC LIGHT*** recognition; certificate no. 100 was given to the Club with their upcoming centennial anniversary in mind. First V.P. Rich Lipman accepted the certificate on behalf of the Club.

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1 Month until ANA in Chicago

The deadlines are past for applying to the ANA for speaking, meeting, and exhibiting at the ANA summer convention in Rosemont — look for time and program details later in July on the ANA's web site, http://www.money.org

Carl Wolf is looking for volunteers to work during the show. He anticipates a free daily parking voucher for each volunteer who works at least four hours on that day. Contact Carl at carlwolfco@msn.com for more details — we do not need to know your schedule now, so email Carl before you forget.

Remember, August 11-15! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1158th Meeting

The 1158th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 10, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 32 members and 1 guest, Wally Losiniecki.

A motion was passed to accept the May Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported May revenue $100.00, expenses $1,439.27, net income -$1,339.27, total assets $23,915.92 held in Life Membership $1,830.00 and member equity $22,085.92. A motion was passed to accept the report.

The membership application of Mark Schechter received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept him into the Club. A letter of resignation from Joe Paonessa was read. President Krieter announced that member Jim Davis was the recipient of ANA President Ostromecki's "Points of Numismatic Light Program," for his work in local numismatics. The membership gave Jim a warm round of applause.

Mark Wieclaw proposed that, during the ANA Convention, the Club hold a

joint social dinner with the New York Numismatic Club on Wednesday, August 12 at Fogo De Chao Brazilian Steakhouse, 5460 Park Place, Rosemont, IL. After a discussion, a motion was passed to approve the dinner at a cost of $90 each, which would include a special issue medal honoring both clubs.

Melissa Gumm reported the deadline for ANA Convention exhibit application is Friday, June 19th. Steve Zitowsky reported that the Club's ANA Election Ballot arrived and, according to tradition, the ballot was cast for Club members only, which included: Steve D'Ippolito, Governor, and Walter Ostromecki, Governor.

Harold Eckardt announced the Elgin Coin Club Fall Show, October 25th, at the Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL.

It was announced that the Club's 2015 ANA Convention medal arrived and was on sale at $20. The custom acrylic frame holding the four recent (2011, '13, '14, and '15) medals also arrived, and was on sale for $100. Members were told to clean the acrylic with standard eyeglass cleaner and microfiber cloths.Standard window cleaner and paper towels will scratch the acrylic.

First V.P. Richard Lipman introduced featured speaker Jeffrey Paunicka who spoke on "Currency Doctoring Detection." Following many questions, Rich presented Jeff with an ANA Educational Certificate and engraved Club medal on a neck ribbon.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the eleven exhibitors for the evening. Phil Carrigan: 1949 Harry S. Truman inaugural medal. Richard Hamilton: Packard Car Company stock certificate and photo of 1939 Packard. Mark Wieclaw: tetradrachm of Eumenes I, 263-241 BC, from Pergamum and a stater from Lycia, Telmessos issued of Dynast Kherei, 410-390 BC. Deven Kane: two coins from the Kingdom of Georgia and two from Cilician Armenia. Bob Feiler: repairs to a bill shown last month, souvenir and obsolete notes, and archival encapsulation of paper items with samples and hand-outs. Jeff Amelse: "Cuds on Coins" on "Nickel 3-cent Pieces." Adam Olszewski: two books on ancient roman coins, written by Daniele Leoni, about the coins of Trajan and Nero. Dale Lukanich: 1, 2, and 3-oz Byzantine merchant weights. Jim Davis: 3 tokens representing an attempt to substitute metallic barter for US currency. Drew Micheyta: 2 Coblenz coins from 1918, 1943 British silver florin, and Mexican 1 Peso. Richard Lipman: coin and currency-related items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Currency Doctoring Detection

a presentation by Jeffrey Paunicka,
to our June 10, 2015 meeting

Following a short pop quiz on faces and buildings that appeared on small-size US paper money since 1928, Jeffrey quizzed us on people, events, and signatures that appeared on 19th century and colonial notes. Why? To highlight the differences between collections and accumulations: collections are disciplined, organized, well managed, and collectors research and study their material — they know things, and they want to know more about their material.

When there is a large price jump as the quality of a given item increases, there is the motivation to increase the item's perceived condition. Collectors should be aware of the various improvement techniques, not only to avoid overpaying for an item, but also to avoid a time bomb — an improperly treated item might contain residues that can slowly degrade the item!

Although the PNG defined what "Doctoring" means with regards to coins in 2012, the paper money market has *de facto* understandings. Jeffrey's definition is, "Intentional alteration with any chemicals, substances, or processes which makes the note appear to be in a better shape of preservation or more valuable than it otherwise would be."

This program would not cover the new polymer notes, now issued by more than 29 countries — just paper money. Well, not really *paper* money, because there is no paper in US money, just 25% linen and 75% cotton, along with small silk threads. Have you ever seen a store clerk use a yellow marker on an offered note, and seen a bright yellow mark appear? The mark would have been dark in the presence of the starch in cellulose — there is no cellulose in linen or cotton, but all paper contains cellulose. Jeffrey quickly reviewed the other current anti-counterfeiting measures now used in US paper money, including the security stripe that glows under ultraviolet light — a different color for each denomination: blue for $5, orange for $10, green for $20, yellow for $50, and red for $100.

Watermarks are not a new anti-counterfeiting measure — they were used in some of our colonial issues from the 1700s, and Jeffrey used the term *candling* to refer to the act of holding a note up to a bright light to see the watermark. Why should we care about all these characteristics of genuine notes? Because some enhancement treatments can have an adverse effect on one or more of the characteristics of a genuine note!

Condition is a key factor in determining the value of a note, and collectors want originality, too. Circulated notes exhibit wear in a number of ways, including bends, folds, wrinkles, corner bumps, and filth. Some people have tried to remove these wear indications, in an effort to improve the apparent condition of a note. For example, washing a note in water causes the fibers

to swell, and can result in a fuzzy appearance on the edges. Solvents are used to remove tape and its residue — some work fast with minimal ink bleeding, some are slow acting with little residue, and some are to reactive on inks. Jeffrey finds his chemistry studies very useful here.

The PVC damage from using the wrong holders can leave a note with a greasy or translucent appearance. Jeffrey showed before and after images of an acetone bath: ink colors lost and faded.

Common detergents have been used to improve notes. They might contain optical brightening agents (OBAs), fluorescent brightening agents (FBAs), or fluorescent whitening agents (FWAs), but the end result is the same: they enhance the appearance of paper colors, by making materials look less yellow by reflecting more blue light. Bleach also is used to brighten a note, as well as removing mold spots originating from high humidity environments. The result could have a "too clean" appearance, with ink worn off of folds but without any soil on the folds; and there is danger from any bleach that was not neutralized.

The fast acting Whink brand of Rust Remover might sound, at first, as a great fix for that note with rust stains from a paper clip. Rust is bad for paper, and if left untreated, it will eat through notes — just look at the 19th century notes signed in ink that contained iron — holes are in the note where the ink used to be. Unfortunately, Whink contains hydrofluoric acid — so some followup steps are definitely needed, maybe even twice because, after all, it is your money. On the large notes from before 1928, acid can cause the reverse green ink to turn blue. Avoid these notes, because the acid might still be present, silently working away on the note.

Notes that have bends and folds can be pressed, to give the appearance of being uncirculated. By holding the note up to a strong light source, the candling mentioned above, any folds are very noticeable. Pressing also removes some originality from a note — the embossing of seals and serial numbers is lost during pressing. Some people will try to restore the embossing by pressing on parts of the note. So look for even and complete embossing, but only where it should be! Not all pressing is intentional — for hundreds of years, notes have been stored in bibles, encyclopedias, and other large books, and in the process the notes have been pressed.

A limp note can gain rigidity with starch — simple laundry spray starch, followed up with a hot iron. Look for shiny spots where the starch crystalized. The anticounterfeit pen test would leave a dark mark, a permanent scar, on the note. A tear can be fixed with glue, but candling can detect the added thickness, and the hard or uneven surface can be felt.

One person's Conservation can be another person's Presentation Enhancement. Professionals have the tools and experience to make it look good — museums and libraries have used these services for years, and casual detection can be difficult. The work of amateurs can be detected by using smart methods. Know and trust your dealer!

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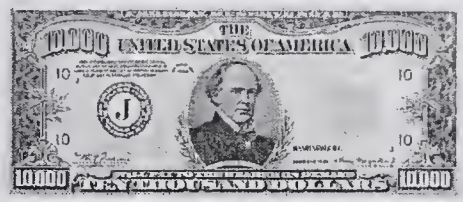

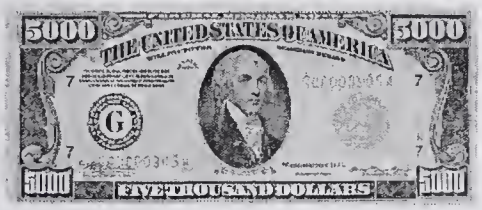

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~ Sear, David R. – **Roman Coins and Their Values V**, 2014, London, covers the Christian Empire: The later Constantinian Dynasty and the Houses of Valentinian and Theodosius and their successors, Constantine II to Zeno, AD 337-491.

~ Morris, Henry (Bird and Bull Press) – **First Fine Silver Coinage of the Republic of San Serriffe: The Bird & Bull Press Commemorative 100 Coronas,** 1988, Newton, PA, accompanied with 1 oz .999 silver proof medal.

~ Wilson, Frank Causey – **Monthly Rare Coin Bulletin**, 1945-1946, Chicago, 14 issues complete.

~ International Plate Printers, Die Stampers and Engravers Union of North America – **Centennial Celebration 1893-1993**, 1993, Washington, D.C., 12 intaglio engravings bound with protective sheets, issued by various locals celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Union.

~ Chapman, S. H. – **Catalog of the Historical Collection of the Gold, Silver and Copper Coins of Ancient Greece and Rome, Europe, the United States, Mexico and South America Formed by the Late Julius L. Brown**, May 30-31, 1911, Philadelphia, 1242 lots, 94 pages, 7 fine photographic plates., scarce large format catalog.

~ Dekesel, Christian E. & Yvette M.M. Dekesel-De Ruyck – **A Bibliography of 18th Century Numismatic Books Volume IV – L thru N**, 2015, London, 1108 pages.

~ Bowers, Q. David – **A Guide Book of Hard Times Tokens – American Political and Commercial Tokens of the 1830s and 1840s**, 2015, Atlanta, Ga., Whitman - The Official Red Book #17.

~ Yeoman, R.S. (Senior Editor – Kenneth Bressett) – **A Guide Book of United States Coins – Deluxe Edition**, 1st Edition, 2015, Atlanta, Ga., 1504 pages.

Minutes of the Chicago Coin Club Board of Directors

June 17, 2015

The June 17, 2015 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club Board was held in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting order at 7:15 PM with the following Board members in attendance: Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Marc Stackler, Paul Hybert, Eugene Freeman, Jeffrey Rosinia, Steve Ambos, and Carl Wolf. Also in attendance were Melissa Gumm, Dale Carlson, Robert Feiler, and Scott McGowan.

Regarding the joint social gathering with the New York Numismatic Club:

- Verbally approved the order of 100 medals (50 for each club) which was approved by email several days earlier and by the NYNC.
    - The design would have CCC Logo on one side and the second side would be the image from the die designed for the NYNC by Victor D. Brenner.
    - Agreed that NYNC would receive serial #001.
- Mark Wieclaw and Carl Wolf volunteered to work together on finalizing arrangements with Mark Anderson, NYNC President.
- Dinner would be Wednesday, August 12, at Fogo De Chao Brazilian Steakhouse, 5460 Park Place, Rosemont.
- Discussed a possible toast during the reception.
- Dinner cost would be $90 each with each attendee receiving a medal.
- Under a program discussion, Mark Wieclaw suggested member Mike Gasvoda on the subject of the 1793 U.S. Large Cent that orbited the earth 206 times aboard *Gemini VII*, which was covered on page 25 in the June issue of *The Numismatist*. A number of members in attendance gave positive feedback.

The creation of "ASK ME" celluloid buttons for convention volunteers was discussed. The following decisions were made:

- Member Scott McGowan would handle the order.
- The final design should be generic and could be used at other local conventions.
- Order the minimum of 100 buttons.
- Authorize a maximum of $300 from the Club's General Treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Sincerely,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Joint Banquet During ANA Convention

The social gathering of the Chicago Coin Club and New York Numismatic Club will be Wednesday, August 12, 2015. It is limited to members and guests of the two clubs. It will be held at Fogo de Chao, a Brazilian steakhouse located in the entertainment district of Rosemont, a short walk from the convention center and hotels.

Chicago coin club member Mike Gasvoda will speak on his recent purchase of a U.S. 1793 large cent that orbited the earth on *Gemini VII* in 1965.

Cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00. The cost of dinner is $90, which includes a medal featuring designs from both clubs. A full menu of steaks (3-4 types), lamb chops, chicken, pork, and sausage is offered. There is always at least one type of fish on the salad bar, and special plates can be arranged in advance. Reservations are required, preferably by Friday, August 7. For more information contact Mark Wieclaw at acoinj@gmail.com or Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com

Mark Wieclaw

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Our 1159th Meeting

Date: July 8, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured speaker: **François R. Velde** — *The Beginning of Coinage: An Economist's View*
Dr. François R. Velde delivered this presentation at "The Beginning of Coinage — New Discoveries and Research on Early Electrum Coinage," a symposium hosted by the American Numismatic Society, November 2013. The significance of this numismatic event was the gathering of eminent historians, economists, and numismatists discussing coinage made of electrum, the alloy of gold and silver. The first electrum coins stand at the beginning of the numismatic history of the western world, but historians and numismatists are still puzzled by the who, what, and why of the economies and people that produced them. Be sure to make this unique numismatic program. Members will learn new insights and interpretations on the beginning of coinage against a backdrop of electronic images of the outstanding electrum coins from the ANS collection.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our May 13, 2015 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. **Phil Carrigan** brought a Harry S. Truman inaugural medal from 1949. It has a copper core with a veneer of an unknown yellow/bronze metal.
2. **Richard Hamilton** discussed the Packard Car Company, and showed two items. Packards were first manufactured in 1899 as the Ohio Automobile Company. In 1903 the company moved to Detroit. In the 1950s Packard merged with Studebaker, and in 1958 the company ceased operations.
   a. An orange 70 shares certificate from 1948, signed by the president of the company, George F. Christopher.
   b. A photograph of a 1939 Packard rumble-seat coupe with a V-12 engine.
3. **Mark Wieclaw** showed two ancient coins:
   a. A silver tetradrachm of Eumenes I, 263-241 BC, from Pergamum. The obverse has the left-facing head of Philetaerus, and the reverse has Athena seated facing left. The coin has remarkable detail and extremely high relief. Even the Medusa head on Athena's shield shows all its details.
   b. A silver stater from Lycia, Telmessos issued of Dynast Kherei, 410-390 BC. The obverse has the helmeted head of Athena in normal relief, and the reverse has a bearded head of Herakles wearing a lion-skin headdress, all within an incuse square allowing for a high relief portrait.
   c. Mark also brought his first 2015 coins from each denomination, found in circulation.
4. **Deven Kane** presented two coins from the golden age of the Kingdom of Georgia, and two from Cilician Armenia.
   a. A coin from about 1200 AD, of Queen Tamar (1184-1213). A countermark is on the reverse of this 9.61 gram piece cataloged as Bennett 175c. Sadly, this coin may have bronze disease, and may need work. Georgia under Tamar reached the apex of its golden age. She ruled in her own right taking the title King. Her vassals started reclaiming Armenia, the Seljuks of Rum were decisively beaten at the Battle of Basian, and in 1204 Tamar helped her nephews found the Empire of Trebizond.
   b. A 4.54 gram coin of Giorgi IV (1208-1223), either undated or the date is off flan, and cataloged as Bennett 179. Giorgi was proclaimed co-regent on the death of his father, David Soslan,and started his reign with military success. Unfortunately calamity struck in 1221-22 when the first Mongol invasion of the Caucasus took place after their defeat of the Khwarezmian Empire. Giorgi was wounded in battle and died of his wounds at the age of 31, marking

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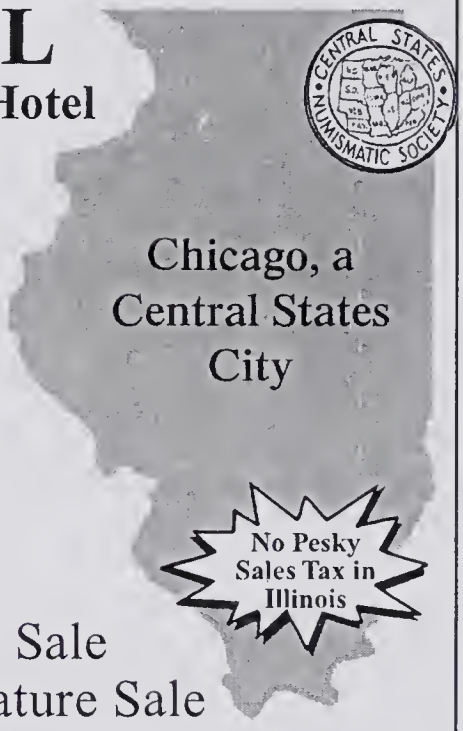

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the end of the golden age. ,His son David born of a commoner, was passed over in favor of his weak sister Rusudan. In 1226 the Khwarezmians, fleeing the Mongols, sacked Tiblisi. When the Mongols came back a decade later, Georgia submitted without much resistance. On her death in 1245, the country was divided between her nephew and son — both named David.

c. From Cilician Armenia, a Tram of Hethoum I (1226-1271), cataloged as Bedoukian 942. The obverse shows Hethoum and Zabel, while the reverse shows a lion and cross. Zabel was the daughter and heir of Levon I, the first King of Cilican Armenia. She became queen in 1219 at the age of 3, and was first married to Philip, a son of the Prince of Antioch. Philip proved unpopular and was poisoned, at which point Zabel fled to the Hospitallers and wanted to become a nun. The regent of Armenia, Constantine of Barbacon, wanted her back. The knights did not want to hand her over or alienate him, so they compromised by selling him the castle with Zabel in it! She was forced to marry Constantine's son Hethoum, who founded the second dynasty of Cilicia. Hethoum spent much of his reign trying to ally with the Mongols, but the Mameluke victory over the Mongols at Ain Jalut dashed these hopes. For the rest of his reign, Armenia was under attack from Egypt which conquered the allied principality of Antioch and by 1292 had eliminated the other crusader kingdoms, apart from Cyprus. Cilician Armenia would finally fall in 1375. The coin is denominated a Tram, which appears to be derived from the Islamic silver Dirham, which in turn was derived from the old Greek drachm.

d. A copper Tank of Hethoum I, catalogued as Nercessian 357. The obverse shows Hethoum enthroned and holding a cross, while the reverse shows a cross. Deven was not sure if the name is related to the Tankas that were circulating at the same time in India and other parts of the Islamic world.

5. **Bob Feiler's** talk tied into tonight's featured speaker, repairs to currency.

a. A brief discussion of legitimate repairs to currency. Bob brought back his 1839 cellophane tape repaired bill from last month, but now the cellophane tape was removed and replaced with archival tape.

b. A Central States Numismatic Society souvenir $3 bill from the Omaha Coin Club and a real 1857 bill from the Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Company, on which Omaha's souvenir design was based.

c. An 1863 $2 confederate bill, quite circulated and repaired with thread.

d. A blue $5 Holly Springs, Mississippi, unissued remainder printed on a sheet of State of Louisiana unissued bills.

e. A $20 Georgia Bank of Commerce with a vignette of a family on a

river boat.

f. A brief discussion of archival encapsulation of papers, documents, and certificates. Bob brought samples and hand-outs for those interested.

6. **Jeff Amelse** continued his series on "Cuds on Coins" from last month, this time on "Nickel 3-cent Pieces with Cuds and Clashes " He showed several photos of clashed coins and cuds in various locations (rim, field, etc.), and circulated three coins to the group, including one with bold clashing on both sides, one with a large cud on the reverse, and one with a cud on the obverse.
7. Adam Olszewski brought two books on ancient Roman coins, written by Daniele Leoni and sold at museums in Rome. The two books were on coins of Trajan and Nero. In all there will be 16 publications, each dedicated to the coins of a different emperor.
8. **Dale Lukanich** showed 3 Byzantine merchant weights: 1, 2, and 3-oz. The weights were used to weigh metal/coins for use in commerce. They were marked with the Greek letters alpha, beta, and gamma, which each represent the numbers 1, 2, and 3. An ounce at that time would have been 27.3 grams. The detail on the 3-oz had been silver-filled at one time, but the silver no longer remains.
9. **Jim Davis** brought 3 tokens representing an attempt, serious or otherwise, to substitute metallic barter for US currency.
    a. 2007 Norfed liberty silver $20 from the Milwaukee ANA. It was 1-oz, .999 silver.
    b. 2008 1-oz copper $1 Peace/Liberty.
    c. 2009 1-oz copper $1 Tea Party featuring a tea pot and the word TAXES inside a circle with a slash through it.
10. **Drew Micheyta** brought 4 items.
    a. The 2 Coblenz coins from 1918, related in a story during last month's Show and Tell. The coins were 10 and 25 pfennig.
    b. A British silver florin, 1943. (50% silver)
    c. A Mexican 1 Peso, 1943. (.720 silver)
11. **Rich Lipman** presented several coin and currency-related items.
    a. Canadian Mint $20 2015, Warner Brother's theme, this coin featuring Bugs Bunny.
    b. Argentina, modern polymer 100 pesos note, with a vignette of Eva Peron. The note is also on the cover of the most recent SCWPM catalog.
    c. Three Australian notes showing how tastes change in terms of the vignette of the note.
        i. 1930s featuring George V (front) and sheep herding (back).
        ii. 1950s featuring Queen Elizabeth II (front) and early Australian explorers (back).
        iii. Modern polymer $50 note featuring a prominent Australian/aboriginal cleric and the first woman member of Parliament.

Minutes of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

June 17, 2015

The seventh meeting of the 2015 ANA Convention Committee was held June 17, 2015 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago. Host Chairman Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM with the following committee members in attendance:Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Harlan Berk, Melissa Gumm, Marc Stackler, Elliott Krieter, Robert Feiler, Paul Hybert, Eugene Freeman, and Carl Wolf. At the Chairman's invitation, Dale Carlson, Steve Ambos, and Scott McGowan were in attendance.

1. Harlan Berk was thanked for providing the meeting place and dinner.
2. Jeff had a telephone conversation with Rhonda Scurek with the following updates:
    a. Committee members are asked to get their banquet tickets ordered.
    b. Exhibit applications are due Friday, June 19. Page applications are due July 10.
    c. Hotel room budget is under review.
    d. The BEP will have a booth, but without the spider press.
    e. The show is not sold out.
    f. The U.S. Mint Director will be at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
    g. Seven mints will be in attendance.
    h. Expect a report from Rhonda on the local committee budget.
3. Money Talks Speaker Medals: Carl Wolf reported that the medals arrived.
4. Budget, Hotel Rooms, Future Committee Scheduling: Jeff Rosinia
5. Committee Reports — (Jeff asked the chairmen to plan to write a recap after the ANA.)
    a. Honorary Host: Harlan Berk
        i. New items in the Silent Auction included:
            1. Tour of Littleton Coin Company.
            2. Dinner for 6 in Harlan's home, with a tour of his art collection.
        ii. Committee members offered other suggestions.
    b. Scout Chairman: Eugene Freeman
        i. All local Scout Councils are receiving notices.
        ii. Mass emails are going to past registrants.
    c. Volunteer Chairman: Carl Wolf
        i. Reported more volunteers would be welcome.
        ii. Introduced Scott McGowan (2013-14 Floor Captain) who proposed an "ASK ME" celluloid button for volunteers to wear.

d. Money Talks Chairman: Mark Wieclaw
    i. Applications were no longer accepted, and speakers will be notified soon.
    ii. Also helping Harlan with the Silent Auction, and told of items he has gathered.
e. Exhibit Chairman: Melissa Gumm
    i. The deadline for exhibit applications is Friday, June 19.
    ii. Received email from Mark Lighterman, National Exhibits Coordinator, that there are 30 exhibit applications submitted, but a flurry is expected on the last day.
f. Discussion on a possible Tuesday evening reception for Committee/Volunteers/Dealers. Jeff would discuss with Rhonda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM and will meet again July 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

July 8 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **François R. Velde** on *Electrum Coinage*

August 8-10 PNG/ANA Numismatic Trade Show. Admission by invitation or $10; details on the PNG Events Calendar at http://www.pngdealers.org/

August 11-15 ANA in Rosemont, at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Admission is free for ANA members -- for details, see http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com

August 12 Joint Social Dinner with NYNC, in Rosemont. Reservations required, $90 per person, reception starts at 6pm and dinner starts at 7pm. See separate announcement for details.

August 15 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - **Dennis Tucker** on *2016 Guide Book of United States Coins, Deluxe Edition*

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The planning work is done — all that remains is the final setup. Trying to determine the best day to attend? Look at the online Schedule for the latest details; it is at https://www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney/schedule

On Wednesday through Saturday, viewing of the collector exhibits starts **before** public admission to the bourse. An exhibit guide is at http://www.chicagocoinclub.org/events/2015/ana/ex/all_by_cl.html

We are gathering info on speakers at open club meetings, and a sparse list is at http://www.chicagocoinclub.org/events/2015/ana/club_mtgs.html Let us know of any missing meetings, and any missing speakers and programs.

I welcome, for the September *Chatter*, reports from any of the events, meetings, or presentations that you attended — report on the details, atmosphere, or whatever struck you. The ANA will be in Anaheim, California in 2016, Denver in 2017, Philadelphia in 2018, and back in Rosemont in 2019.

Remember, August 11-15! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1159th Meeting

The 1159th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 8, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 27 members and 3 guests, François R. Velde, Raymond Dagenais, and Eric Schmidt.

A motion was passed to accept the June Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported June revenue $1600.00, expenses $3,187.03, net income -$1,587.03, total assets $22,328.89 held in Life Membership $1,830.00 and member equity $22,328.89. A motion was passed to accept the report.

The Treasurer also announced that the Club's 2015 ANA Convention medal was on sale at $20. The custom acrylic frame holding the four 2011, '13, '14 & '15 medals also arrived and was on sale for $100. Members were told to clean the acrylic with standard eyeglass cleaner and microfiber cloths. Standard window cleaner and paper towels will scratch the acrylic.

The application of Raymond Dagenais received first reading. The Secretary reported on the press coverage given to the Club in *Numismatic News* (June 9, pg. 28), *Bank Note Reporter* (July, pg. 85), *The Numismatist* (July, pg. 82), and *The Centinel* (Summer, pg. 30).

Jeffrey Rosinia, Host Chair of the ANA Convention, reported everything was in place for the upcoming ANA Convention and this was our last meeting before the event. Mark Wieclaw reported the Club would hold a joint social dinner with the New York Numismatic Club on Wednesday, August 12 at Fogo De Chao Brazilian Steakhouse, 5460 Park Place, Rosemont, IL. The cost of the dinner is $90, and would include a special issue medal honoring both clubs.

Jeff Amelse announced a six-Saturday course at the Oriental Institute of Chicago, *Egypt in the Greco-Roman and Byzantine Periods*, starting on August 1. See http://oi.uchicago.edu/programs-events/courses-workshops for more details and registration.

First V.P. Richard Lipman introduced the featured speaker, Dr. François R. Velde, who gave the presentation *The Beginning of Coinage — An Economist's View*. Following a number of questions, Rich presented Dr. Velde with an ANA Educational Certificate and engraved Club medal on a neck ribbon.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the eleven exhibitors for the evening. Eugene Freeman: two small Ancient Greek coins. Richard Hamilton: Peerless Motor Company stock certificate with photos of Peerless automobiles. Dale Lukanich: two 10 guilder notes from Curacao, and scrip of the McNeal Coal Company. Mark Wieclaw: a gold Byzantine coin, and a silver moon landing medal. Deven Kane: three medieval coins, and a later coin from Assam. Robert Feiler: five coints from ancient Greece, and a pre-Columbian piece from Mexico. Robert Leonard: 12 electrum coins and 3 important reference books on electrum. Jeff Amelse: 6 U.S. large cents illustrating bisecting die cracks and laminations/planchet cracks. Rich Lipman: recent coins from around the world, and an 1880 $20 Legal Tender note. Dale Carlson: a 2014 Luxembourg commemorative, and a 2014 Australian silver piece. Francois Velde: a selection of electrum coins used in his PowerPoint presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our July 8, 2015 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. **Eugene Freeman** presented 2 coins:
   a. Ancient Greek obol fraction, in a Philatelic Numismatic Cover of the Great Historic Silver Coins of the World series. The coin is only 5mm in diameter (3 of them could fit on a dime and there would still be room). There is a face on the obverse and a segmented square on the reverse.
   b. Ancient Greek obol, circa 330-190 BC, from the city of Selge in Pisidia (Asia Minor). The coin is 10mm in diameter and weighs 0.81 grams, with a facing Gorgon head on the obverse and a helmeted head of Athena on the reverse. It came from a Frank Robinson auction in the 1980s.
2. **Richard Hamilton** talked about the Peerless Motor Car Company. He brought:
   a. Peerless Motor Car Corp. stock certificate, 100 shares common dated 7/23/1930. It has a railroad / allegorical vignette (no automobiles).
   b. Three photos of Peerless autos. The company originated mid/late 19th century, to manufacture clothes wringers. They then went into bicycle production, and then into automobiles. Peerless stopped production in 1931, but a few years later began brewing Carling Black Label beer.
3. **Dale Lukanich** showed these items:
   a. Two 10 guilder notes from Curacao, dated 1994 and 2003. The latter note features new security technology.
   b. An unissued 186_ $2 note from McNeal Coal Company. It was scrip paid to workers and redeemable for goods at the company store.
4. **Mark Wieclaw** showed 2 items:
   a. A gold Stamenon Nomisma of Constantine IX, struck circa 1054 AD. It has two large stars on either side of the emperor, representing the first year of the Super Nova recorded and observed worldwide in 1054.
   b. A large .999 fine silver medal (matte finish) from Medallic Arts. t was issued to commemorate the first moon landing on July 20, 1969. On the obverse are the three astronauts from Apollo 11: Armstrong, Collins, and Aldrin. The reverse shows the lunar module and the astronauts walking on the moon.
5. **Deven Kane** talked about 4 coins:
   a. Andreas I, 1046-1060, AR denar (0.65g) of Hungary. A wedged cross on both sides and crudely written REGIA CIVITAS on reverse; a nice strike and it grades EF. Hungarian coinage of this period is of pretty high quality, especially compared to some of the

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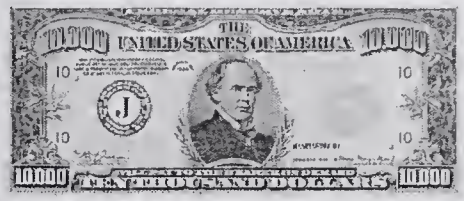

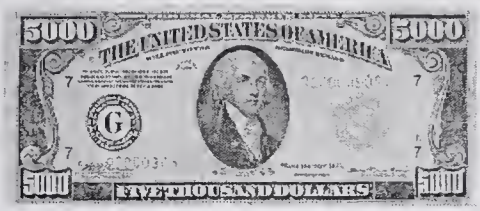

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~ Mease, James – **Description of Some of the Medals Struck in Relation to Important Events in North America** – Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the year 1821, Vol III, 404 pages. Meases's article comprises pages 387 to 404.

According to David Fanning this article on medals is the first work published in the United States on an American Numismatic subject and is of the utmost importance to the history of U.S. numismatics. Topics covered includes the Libertas Americana medal, a few Betts medals, the Comitia Americana series and some War of 1812 medals. Mease updated his list and published it in 1834 in *The Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society* a copy of which is in my library.

In 1838 Mease wrote what is considered the first numismatic article concerning American coins consisting of a two page listing in the annual *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*. This list included the Bar Cent and Connecticut coppers. A copy of this book is also in my library.

~ Allan, John – **On Coins and Medals, with a Notice of the Medal Which has been Recently Struck to Commemorate the Settlement of New Haven, Connecticut**, The American Journal of Science and Arts, Volume 37, No. 2 – October 1839. Allan's article comprises pages 285 to 288.

According to David Fanning this John Allan article was virtually unknown to the numismatic community until recently and never before offered at auction in numismatic channels. Q. David Bowers considers Allan as a candidate for being America's first rare coin dealer.

stuff circulating in Europe at the time. This is still one of the earlier series with crude lettering. Hungary became a kingdom in 1000/01 AD on the coronation of Stephen (Istvan), aka St Stephen, who ruled until his death in 1038. The long and successful reign of Stephen was followed by decades of succession troubles. Andreas' reign started with success in holding off the claims of the Holy Roman Emperor, but a succession disagreement led to civil war and his death.

b. Andreas III, 1290-1301, AR denar (0.53g) of Hungary. One side features a facing bust, holding swords and scepter, while the other has a bastion with 3 towers. The coin is anonymous so the identification is from catalogs. Andrew the Venetian was an unlikely king of Hungary. His father had fled years before, and married a Venetian. When the king was assassinated in 1290, Andrew, as the last male of the Arpad line, was called to the throne. His short reign was spent trying to bring the nobles under his sway and fending off foreign claimants to the crown. His death ended the Arpad line.
c. An asper from Trebizond, of Alexius IV (1417-1429 AD) (Sear 2641). The "Empire of Trebizond" broke away from the Byzantine Empire in 1204. It was a strip of land on the eastern end of the southern shore of the Black Sea, separated from the rest of Asia Minor by mountains. It was the last Breakaway Byzantine State to fall to the Turks. Trebizond coins follow a standard pattern: St Eugenius on one side and the Emperor on the other; both are riding on this coin.
d. A silver rupee from Assam, during the reign of Gadadhara Simha (1681-1696 AD) (KM 33). Coins of Assam were once round, but around this time became octagonal like this coin, supposedly representing the shape of Assam. This coin bears mostly Ahom script, but a small lion appears on the obverse and a small bird on the reverse. This ruler's reign came after years of anarchy and conflicts, and his reign was peaceful.

6. **Bob Feiler's** items tied into tonight's featured speaker on early coinage.
   a. Sarmatia: Olbia (Black Sea area) — 5th Century Cast Bronze Dolphin Barter Money.
   b. Aegina 510-490 BC Sea Turtle. Sear 1851: smooth-shelled turtle with a single row of dots down the middle on one side, and on the other side an incuse square divided into 8 triangular compartments, of which 4 are sunken.
   c. AR Siglos of the Great King from Lydia under Persian rule, 486-450 BC. Obv: The great king running right carrying bow and spear. Sear GCV-4678.
   d. A drachm from Thrace (Black Sea Area), Apollonia Pontika, 450-400 BC. Obv: Crayfish. Rev: Gorgoneion. BMC Mysia (5160 11; CF. Sear Greek 1655.
   e. AR Stater of Akarnania, Leukas, circa 390-380 BC. Athena in

Corinthian helmet/ Pegasus (flying horse). C.119/1.

f. Mexican Pre-Spanish 1200-1300 AD Copper Hoe Money or *Tajaderas*, used as a medium of exchange.

7. **Bob Leonard** showed 12 items, including 3 books.
   a. Electrum nugget and 8 early electrum coins from Ionia, Miletos, and Lydia: 1/96 stater (1); 1/48 stater (3); 1/24 stater (3); and 1/12 stater (1). Some designs are speculative on these tiny coins, but two show a swastika (1/48 and 1/24) and others show a facing lion's head (Miletos, 1/24), head of a roaring lion right (Lydia, probably king Croesus, 1/12), and a lion's paw, seen from above (1/24). Most have simple square incuse punches on the reverse, but the lion's paw type has a reverse showing a palm tree with six fronds, which is also found as a reverse punch on staters of Miletos, showing that it should be attributed to that city.
   b. Three important references on this series: *Early Greek Coins From the Collection of Jonathan P. Rosen*, 1983; *SNG Turkey I: The Muharrem Kayhan Collection*, 2002; and Joseph Linzalone, *Electrum and the Invention of Coinage*, 2011.
8. **Jeff Amelse** recently purchased what he thought was the Holy Grail of Large Cents, an 1817 N-14 with what appeared to be a bisecting reverse die crack, with another branch crack running across half the planchet. Could this be a unique terminal die state, not listed in the reference books? It turned out the cracks are planchet cracks/lamination, not die cracks. Jeff showed 6 coins from his large cent collection that illustrate bisecting die cracks and laminations/planchet cracks, and he talked about how to tell the difference between the two. (Planchet cracks show up as depressions in the design, whereas die cracks are raised.) The shown US Large Cents were:
   a. Bona fide Bisecting Die Cracks:
      i. 1840 N-9 Bisecting obverse crack from dentils near Star 4 to Star 12.
      ii. 1854 N-19 Bisecting obverse arc die crack from Star 3 through LIBERTY to Star 9.
      iii. 1838 N-4 Bisecting obverse die crack from Star 9 to rim below 38.
   b. Planchet Cracks/Laminations:
      i. 1817 N-14 Reverse bisecting planchet crack/lamination with extensive branch crack.
      ii. 1854 N-8 Reverse dropped lamination from U of UNITED to bottom of wreath.
      iii. 1852 (Unattributed variety) Severe reverse lamination through UNITED ST and minor laminations near AMERICA.
9. **Rich Lipman** showed 4 items:
   a. Bess Truman "first spouse" coin, 2015-W. The reverse featured the "1948 Whistle Stop Campaign," showing her contribution to her

husband's reelection.

b. March of Dimes 2015-W silver "dime" (marked $1). The obverse features the portraits of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jonas Salk.
c. A Star Trek themed $1 of Tuvalu, struck by the Perth Mint and featuring the portrait of Capt. Jean-Luc Picard of *Star Trek Next Generation*.
d. 1880 $20 Legal Tender note with the portrait of Alexander Hamilton (to the left) and an allegorical woman (to the right). Rich noted that the US Treasury Department is considering plans for 2020 to change the front of the $10 bill to similarly feature both the portraits of Hamilton and a yet-to-be-selected American woman.

10. **Dale Carlson** showed 2 medals.
    a. 2014 Luxembourg 5 Euros commemorating the steel industry (specifically the change from blast furnaces to electric furnaces). It was struck in stainless steel, a very difficult metal to strike. Mintage 2500.
    b. 2014 Australian one-ounce silver $5 proof, the third in a series of three, this one featuring constellation Orion in the Southern hemisphere. It had sprayed-on ("digitized") color.
11. **François Velde** ended the evening by showing electrum coin examples from his presentation.

Our 1160th Meeting

Date: August 15, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: **Saturday, on the last day of the ANA Convention,** which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for anyone on the last day of the convention.

Featured speaker: **Dennis Tucker**, Whitman Publishing — *2016 Guide Book of United States Coins, Deluxe Edition*

The Red Book is the most popular and best-selling book in numismatics, with more than 23 million copies sold since 1946. The 2016 deluxe is an expanded edition — with 1504 pages and over three times the size of the regular edition. Be sure to attend this program and hear Dennis Tucker tell the story of how Whitman Publishing decided to put together this encyclopedic edition with more historical information, expanded grading instructions, enlarged illustrations, and a 400-page section featuring copper half and large cents.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

The Beginning of Coinage: An Economist's View

a presentation by François R. Velde,
to our July 8, 2015 meeting

François started the presentation by stating it is based upon a presentation at the ANS in 2013, as part of a Beginning of Coinage program. He claimed to be not much of a collector, but he admitted "I collect what I study." Even though a digital currency, such as Bitcoin, is the future, it still needs to address some of the same issues that the earliest coinages faced: trust and complexity. Before money, transactions were based upon barter, an awkward system that worked best when I want what you have, and you want what I have — known as the *double coincidence* problem. This difficulty could be solved with credit, but credit requires good record keeping and enforcement. If you think of money as credit disguised as barter, then money can be any acceptable object, from metallic to electronic, based upon the available technology.

After a brief summary of the attributes of a successful currency — touching on the costs and benefits, and backed with details from a number of historical systems — François arrived at this program's big question, "Why did the first coinage system use a variable alloy (electrum) of two precious metals (gold and silver) that could already be somewhat isolated?" A number of theories have been offered by others, but the challenges are great; the main one is the lack of mint records from Lydia before 550 BCE.

Lydia roughly consisted of the inland western part of Asia Minor, with the Greek colonies along the coast known as Ionia. Little is known about the Lydians — we now have about 20 pages worth of primary Lydian sources. After the Persians conquered Croesus and the Lydians, the Persians and the Greeks fought for fifty years in what we call the Persian Wars.

Gold and silver had been used in jewelry for thousands of years; they were commodities, and the commercial use of bulk silver was common in Mesopotamia by 1500 BCE. We know that prices were expressed in terms of a certain number of pieces per one shekel (a unit of weight) of silver, and hoards found in the Middle East include silver pieces of various weights. It was hard to separate an alloy of gold and silver into the two metals, but circumstantial evidence indicates the Lydians had this technology before their conquest by the Persians. The ancients cared about the fineness — they used the same type of touchstones as used now by jewelers.

So faced with a lack of original written sources and minimal archaeologival evidence, we are left with the coins themselves. There are about 3400 electrum coins known, housed in museums, collections, and

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dealer stock. About a quarter of these electrum coins are from Lydia, with the rest from the Ionian cities. A number of attempts have been made at examining some of this population, starting with the simple grouping by weight and design elements. We saw graphs of counts as a function of weight, with peaks appearing at certain weights; with the heaviest weight of 14.19g given a unit weight, the other peaks appeared at such fractions of the unit weight as 1/2, 1/3, 1/6, 1/12, and 1/24. The peaks become wider at the smaller weights of 1/48, 1/96, and 1/192, indicating a larger percentage variation; attributing the variation to some combination of wear and original planchet variation seems reasonable. A competing standard based upon a unit weight of 17g lines up with some of the lower peaks that are nearby.

Based upon the weights and shapes of the reverse punches, three standards have been identified. Obverse designs help group coins into series, but the small coins barely had room for a part of the design, let alone some inscription. The Phanes series pictures a full stag on the piece weighing 14.01g, but only the head and antlers are on the 1/48 piece weighing 0.29g, and most of the antlers are off the planchet on the 1/96 piece weighing 0.14g. The Miletus series uses a lion; other series we saw used a horse head and a facing lion. The Lydian series followed the Milesian standard, with one series a lion's head in profile with a distinctive "wart."

Analysis of coins offers some information, but there are limitations. X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) is a non-destructive method to identify the elements present, but it does not reach much past the surface of a coin. Proton Activation Analysis (PAA) provides a complete analylis of a coin, but the process is expensive and the coin is radioactive for some days. One micro destructive method uses a laser to vaporize a small part of a coin. Some patterns appear across all series for some denominations.

Recent analyses confirms that the gold/silver proportions varied considerably across types of coins, from as low as 35% to as high as 80%. However there seems to be some consistency within coin types. For example, the Lydian coinage appears tightly controlled, and the gold proportion is never far from 55%, whereas the coinage identified with Greek cities (Miletos and Ephesos) is around 45% gold. Thus the variability in gold content was artificial, not natural. Why make coins with such care with respect to weight, out of a material that could so easily be altered in terms of fineness, remains a mystery.

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Minutes of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

July 15, 2015

The eighth meeting of the 2015 ANA Convention Committee was held July 15, 2015 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago. Host Chairman, Jeffrey Rosinia, called the meeting to order at 6 PM with the following committee members in attendance: Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Sharon Blocker, Elliott Krieter, Harlan Berk, Melissa Gumm, Robert Feiler, Paul Hybert, Eugene Freeman, Richard Lipman, Dale Lukanich, and Carl Wolf.

1. Harlan Berk was thanked with a warm round of applause for providing the meeting place, dinner, and parking vouchers for those who drove.
2. Jeff reported on a telephone conversation with Rhonda Scurek.
3. Money Talks Speaker Medals: Carl Wolf reported that the medals arrived, neck ribbons were ordered, and we are waiting for the list of speakers for engraving.
4. Budget, Hotel Rooms: Jeff Rosinia passed out a list of hotel confirmation numbers.
5. Committee Reports —
    a. Honorary Host: Harlan Berk
        i. They are still accepting material for the Silent Auction.
        ii. They plan to showcase the material during the convention in the exhibit area.
    b. Scout Chairman: Eugene Freeman
        i. Re-contacting local Scout Councils as some lost original notices.
        ii. Making efforts to reach new contacts.
    c. Volunteer Chairman: Carl Wolf
        i. Reported about the same number of volunteers as 2014.
        ii. Have a request from Silver Dollar Roundtable for a volunteer.
        iii. Submitted golf shirt counts to Rhonda.
    d. Money Talks Chairman: Mark Wieclaw
        i. Speakers and time slots are finalized and on the latest schedule of events.
        ii. There are three speakers on Wednesday, which had none in previous years.
        iii. Will be primarily assisted by Ray Dagenais.
    e. Exhibit Chairman: Melissa Gumm,
        i. Exhibits number about 70.
        ii. Looking for some assistance on Monday from Club members who will be in the area setting up their exhibits.
    f. Open Discussion
        i. Discussion of possible Tuesday evening reception for

Committee/Volunteers/Dealers. Jeff would discuss with Hyatt Regency.

ii. Secretary was asked to send email blasts to the membership on:
   1. CCC/NYNC Dinner Wednesday, August 12.
   2. CCC Meeting Saturday, August 15.
   3. Scout Merit Badge & Activity Patch Program.

iii. The last of the Restaurant Guides to be brought out.

Jeff asked Committee Chairmen to begin planning to write a recap for the 2016 ANA Committee in California.

Harlan was presented with a gift of wines selected for their labels, and a warm round of applause in appreciation for his support of the committee over the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM. **No downtown meeting in August.**

August	**8-10**	PNG/ANA Numismatic Trade Show. Admission by invitation or $10; details on the PNG Events Calendar at http://www.pngdealers.org/
August	**11-15**	ANA in Rosemont, at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Admission is free for ANA members — for details, see http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com
August	**15**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - **Dennis Tucker** of Whitman Publishing on *2016 Guide Book of United States Coins, Deluxe Edition*
September 9		CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
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Editor's Notes

The ANA convention was fun. Tiring, but fun. This year's Honorary Host Chairman, Harlan J. Berk, received his 50-year membership recognition at the convention. A listing of all CCC members who won any Exhibit Award appears later in this issue.

It will be four years until the ANA summer convention returns here, but ILNA meets in Tinley Park this month, and Central States will be in Schaumburg next April. And PCDA, CPMX, and CICF will be in Rosemont in between, for those looking for multi-day shows.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 1160th Meeting

The 1160th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 15, 2015 in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association Anniversary Convention at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM with an attendance of 51 members and guests.

A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

The Treasurer announced that the Club's 2015 ANA Convention medal was on sale at $20. Of the custom made acrylic frame holding all four 2011, '13, '14, & '15 medals, only two remained for sale at $100 each.

The application of Raymond Dagenais received second reading and a motion was passed admitting him into the Club. The applications of Rick Ewing and Eric Delgadillo received first reading.

First V.P. Richard Lipman introduced the featured speaker, Dennis Tucker from Whitman Publishing, who gave the presentation *2016 Guide Book of United States Coins, Deluxe Edition*. Following a number of questions, Rich presented Dennis with an ANA Educational

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~ Hodges, J. Tyler – ***Hodges' New Bank Note Safe-Guard; Giving fac Simile Descriptions of Upwards of Ten Thousand Bank Notes Embracing Every Genuine Note Issued in the United States & Canada***, 1857, New York, Rare

~Knox, John J. – ***United States Notes, A History of the Various Issues of Paper Money by the Government of the United States***, 1884, New York, first edition, also second revised edition dated 1885.

~ Brunk, Gregory G. – ***World Countermarks on Medieval and Modern Coins – An Anthology edited by Gregory Brunk***, 1976, Quarterman Publications, Lawrence, Mass.

~Miller Scott H. – ***Medallic Art of the American Numismatic Society, 1865 – 2014***, 2015, ANS, New York.

~Margolis, Richard – ***Benjamin Franklin in Terra Cotta - Portrait Medallions by Jean-Baptiste Nini at the Chateau of Chaumont***, 2015, Kolbe & Fanning, also includes medallions of Franklin and of American interest by Jean Martin Renaud and original models of the Libertas Americana Medal by Clodion and Dupre.

~Biaggi, Elio – ***Monete e Zecche Medievali Italiane – Dal Sec. VIII al Sec. XV***, 1992, Torino, covers all medieval Italian coins from 800 to 1500 AD with values in three grades.

~Snow, Richard E. – ***The Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Attribution Guide 3rd Edition Volume 1 - 1856-1877 & Volume 2 – 1878-1909***, 2014, 900 pages.

~Hanscom, Dick (Editor) – ***Tinnahs & Seal Skins, Gold Dust & Bingles – Projecting Alaska's History Through its Money***, 2015, Fairbanks, 12 chapters, over 60 authors and over 75 articles all pertaining to the numismatic history of Alaska.

Certificate and an engraved Club medal on a neck ribbon. In the raffle drawing, members Kurt Hyde and Harold Eckhardt each won a copy of the Deluxe Guide Book.

A serially numbered souvenir card from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition showing 18th century musician George Frideric Handel was distributed to everyone in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Thank You for Volunteering

Volunteers, Thank you for your work as a volunteer during the ANA Convention.

This was the 10th time I served as a Committee Chairman at an ANA Convention. Working with your group was easy, rewarding, and a pleasure. Praise of your dedicated work continues to arrive.

I also need to add...

- to those who showed up on time (nearly everyone)... Thank you!
- to those who worked longer than scheduled (more than a few)... Thank you!
- to those who arrived early to work extra hours (more than I can count)... Thank you!
- to those who went out of their way to help exhibitors & Scouts... Thank you!
- to those who assisted various Committee Chairmen... Thank you!
- to those who saw problems and took the initiative to solve them... Thank you!
- to those who remained calm during times of stress (more than a few)... Thank you!
- ...and to the coin dealer so impressed with our operation that he stopped at the Club booth and donated $250... Thank you!

Should the need arise, it would be an honor to work with you again.

Sincerely,

Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman
2015 ANA Convention

Our 1161st Meeting

Date: September 9, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured Program: — We expect a range of reports from the ANA convention, followed by many interesting items at the Show & Tell. What will **you** bring?

CCC Members Won Awards for Exhibits

At the recent ANA convention, visitors who made their way to the Collector Exhibits Area were treated to many exhibits covering a wide range of material. Refresh your memory at the online Exhibit Guide located at http://www.chicagocoinclub.org/events/2015/ana/ex/all_by_cl.html

Members of the Chicago Coin Club entered competitive exhibits, so you might have spotted items that had appeared at a Show & Tell session at one of our meetings. Here is a list of CCC members who won an exhibiting award:

- Bruce Bartelt
  - *The King as Hero: The Heroic Bust Tetradrachm of Eukratides of Baktria* — a second place ribbon.
- Robert W. Feiler
  - *Look What They've Done to These Coins!* — a second place ribbon.
- Dan Freeland

- *Selected Michigan Nationals from Charter 8723* — a second place ribbon.
- Eugene Freeman
  - *Selected Leper Colony Coins of the Americas: collecting on a one per location basis* — a second place ribbon.
  - *The ½ Reales of San Antonio 1817-1818* — a second place ribbon.
- Robert F. Fritsch
  - *A Trip to the Top of New England: An Elongating Adventure* — a second place ribbon.
- Scott A. McGowan
  - *Medals of Chicago—Four Years of ANA Medallic Art* — a first place ribbon.
  - *Buy the Book Before the Coin* — a third place ribbon.
- Jeffrey Rosinia
  - *50 Years of Kennedy Half Dollars* — a second place ribbon.
  - *Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy in Numismatics* — a first place ribbon.
  - *The Sacagawea and Native American Commemorative Dollar Coin Program* — tied for People's Choice award, and a first place ribbon.
- Thomas J. Uram
  - *The U.S. Two Cent Piece 1864-1873 with Major Varieties* — tied for People's Choice award, and a second place ribbon.
  - *Under the Dome* — a first place ribbon.
  - *The Kings and Queens of England Through Maundy Monday* — the Women in Numismatics award, and a first place ribbon.
- Mark Wieclaw
  - *The Russian 'Beard' Tax Tokens of 1705* — a third place ribbon.
  - Roman Coins and Their Values: *The evolution of the most used reference on ancient Roman coinage* — a first place ribbon.
- Carl Wolf
  - *Silver Neck Ring Money of South East Asia's Hmong People* — a second place ribbon.

That totals to 17 member exhibits that won an award, out of the 66 exhibits on view. Some member exhibits did not win an award, and some exhibits were in the non-competitive category. This year, exhibits were entered in 18 competitive classes, and up to three exhibits in a class can win a ribbon.

Although not exhibiting this year, member Brett Irick has served as an exhibits judge for many years. This year, he was awarded the Joseph A. Boling Award for Judging Excellence.

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September 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Program - *Extended convention reports and Show & Tell*

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October 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

November 11 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

November 20-21 PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday through Saturday. Details at http://www.pcdaonline.com

November 21 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

November 22 Numismatic Education Symposium - 9:30AM-3:30PM at the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL.
Featured Speakers - *to be announced*.
Four speakers will present, and a continental breakfast and light lunch is included in the admission charge ($20 for CSNS members, $30 for all others).

December 9 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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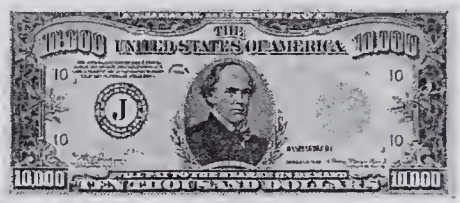

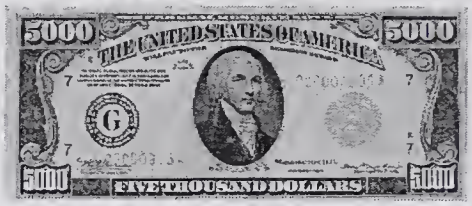

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Call for Club Auction Lots
November 11, 2015

The club auction is scheduled for 7PM, near the start of the regular November club meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have had the best results. Some printed material also has shown good results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

The November *Chatter* will contain a list of all auction lots that are known to us by Tuesday, October 27. You can either e-mail your list to Paul Hybert by Tuesday, October 27 if you plan to bring your lots with you to the November meeting; or you can ship your items to Bill Burd by Tuesday, October 27.

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Minutes of the 1161st Meeting

The 1161st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 9, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 21 members and 1 guest, Christopher Pineda.

A motion was passed to accept the August Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report of August revenue $13,355.72, expenses $7,633.73, net income 5,721.99, total assets $28,050.88 held in Life Membership $2,490.00 and member equity $25,560.88. A motion was passed to accept the report.

Membership applications of Eric Delgadillo and Rick Ewing received second reading. A motion was made and seconded to accept them into the club. President Krieter announced that Eugene Freeman had accepted a job in Texas. He intends to stay a member, but submitted his resignation from the Club's Board. Steve Zitowsky shared a supply of bookmarks created by the Austrian Mint with an image of the Gold Vienna Philharmonic coin.

Jeffrey Rosinia, Host Chair of the ANA Convention, reported the total attendance of 8635 at the recent ANA Convention and read a letter of gratitude from Rhonda Scurek, ANA Director of Conventions. Jeff called upon Committee Chairs to deliver reports.

1. Volunteer Chairman Carl Wolf reported on the punctuality and great work put in by the volunteers. He was also the recipient of the ANA Medal of Merit, and showed the certificate and medal.
2. Jeff announced the success of the joint dinner with the New York Numismatic Club. There were 82 attending and the remaining 18 medals sold out quickly.
3. Exhibit Chair Melissa Gumm announced a total of 72 exhibitors, and the final number of exhibit cases was the second highest at recent ANA Conventions. Club members received 17 awards.
4. Money Talks Chairman Mark Wieclaw, assisted by Ray Dagenais and Robert Feiler, reported a good attendance at most talks and spoke of several unique presentations.
5. As Scout Chairman Eugene Freeman was not present, Jeff reported 46 Boy and Girl Scouts attended the clinics. Steve Zitowsky reported several dozen Scout Activity Patches were also earned.
6. Page Chairman Elliott Krieter reported that he and Assistant Chair Dale Carlson split up the supervision, and since many pages were experienced the problems were very small.
7. General comments were made by Deven Kane, Robert Leonard, Richard Lipman, and Ray Dagenais.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the 11 exhibitors. Bill Bierly: Lincoln bronze medal and Pollock mint director medal. Robert Feiler: pop-out coins with book, cigar box labels, coins made into items, and book on Bust Dimes by member Winston Zack. David Gumm: a Washington quarter found in change and of questionable manufacture. Elliott Krieter: a circulation find, a $10 star note, and two "stacker" rounds. Mark Wieclaw: seven British sovereigns, $50 US bill with graffiti, and autographed programs from the convention. Robert Leonard: a coin from Naples, and US Civil War-era tokens and related items. Richard Hamilton: Pierce Arrow Motor Company stock certificate and photos. Deven Kane: four medieval and later silver coins. Rich Lipman: "First Spouse" gold coins, and notes issued during the Russian Revolution. Carl Wolf: cancelled checks from Indian and Arizona Territories. Jeff Rosinia: a silver-plated souvenirs from the Century of Progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Hoffmeister, Jacob Christoph Carl – ***Historisch-Kritische Beschreibung Aller Bis Jetzt Bekannt Gewordenen Hessischen Munzen, Medaillen Und Marken In Genealogisch-Cronologisher Folge. Erster-Dritter Band***, 1857-1866, Cassel and Paris, first edition, three volumes.

~Cunningham, Paul A. – ***Lincoln's Metallic Imagery***, 2015, Tecumseh, Mich., a catalog and price list of Lincoln coins, tokens, medals and plaques.

~Ball, Douglas B. & Henry F. Simmons, Jr. – ***Comprehensive Catalog and History of Confederate Bonds***, 2nd edition, 2015, Port Clinton, Ohio.

~Tompkins, Steve M. – ***Early United States Half Dollars Volume 1 - 1794-1807***, 2015, Peculiar, MO.

~Schlumberger, Gustave – ***Sigillographie de L'Empire Byzantin***, 1884, Paris, over 5000 Byzantine seals listed with 1100 high quality line drawings, Rare.

~Hazard, Harry W. – ***The Numismatic History of Late Medieval North Africa – Numismatic Studies No. 8***, 1952, ANS-NYC, 377 pages, 8 plates, Scarce.

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

October 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Leo Courshon** on *Different Grading Standards of Early American Copper Coinage*

November 11 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

November 20-21 PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday through Saturday. Details at http://www.pcdaonline.com

November 21 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

November 22 Central States Numismatic Society Educational Symposium — after the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare.
The continental breakfast and light lunch are included in the registration charge ($20 for CSNS members, $30 for all others). **Limited seating is available. Early registration is encouraged.** Registration fees should be sent to:

Ray Lockwood — CSNS Education Director
2075 East Bocock Road
Marion, IN 46952

8:00AM Continental Breakfast

Dr. Steve Feller **9:00AM** *The Money of Iowa: from Pre-Civil War to World War II Prisoner of War Scrip*

Dr. Lawrence Lee **10:30AM** *The Gold Banknotes of Clark Gruber & Co. Denver City, Colorado Territory 1861-1863*

12noon Light Lunch

Mark Hotz **1:00PM** *John Dillinger: America's Most Wanted and the National Banks He Robbed*

Peter Huntoon **2:30PM** *Col. Green: America's Most Extravagent Collector*

December 9 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Our 1162nd Meeting

Date: October 14, 2015

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Featured Program: **Leo Courshon** — *Different Grading Standards of Early American Copper Coinage*
Early American Copper coins were produced using manually cut dies and screw-press machinery. This resulted in more strike qualities and grading ambiguities than any other U.S. coinage series. Over time, different grading systems developed and evolved. Today, collectors of Early American Copper coins must be proficient in three different grading systems: Commercial/Dealer Grading, Slab Grading, and EAC Collector Grading. Leo will tell how the systems evolved, then explain their differences and inconsistencies. He is a 30-year member of Early American Coppers club, and specializes in their grading system. Those who attend this program will gain insight into a numismatic specialty where nearly every coin is unique and each possesses its own beauty.

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our September 10, 2015 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Bill Bierly showed 2 items:
   a. A bronze Lincoln plaquette struck by J.H. Ripstra, and its envelop.
   b. The Pollock mint director medal. Pollock was an active political personality in the mid-19th century; he was director of the mint during 1861-1866 and 1869-73, and then was superintendant of the mint for three years.
2. Bob Feiler displayed several items for us:
   a. Two pop out (also known as *repousse*) coins with patent straps, mounted on stick pins.
      i. 1905 Barber dime. Pat Nov 22, 04
      ii. 1909 Lincoln Cent Pat Nov 22, 04
   b. A pop out coins book, *A Numismatic Mystery*, by Robert Stump. Bob explained that "pop outs" are not really pushed-out designs. They are made first by popping out or removing the center of the coin. Then, a design in relief (presumably in the same metal, but made separately) is silver soldered into the now-empty center of the coin, and the soldered edges are blended in, so it looks like the design was pushed up from the actual coin.
   c. Copy of the new book by member Winston Zack, *Bust Dime Variety Identification Guide*.
   d. 1853 half-dime encased in zinc. What the heck is it?... Speculation is that it is a giveaway or prop from a mentalist who had an act during the mid-19th century.
   e. Late 1800s German Shell card, from a large lake-side hotel.
   f. 1949 Spanish 5 Pesetas coin knife.
   g. Three unusual cigar box labels.
      i. Bank Note 5¢ full label ornate similar to bank note engraving, with treasury type seal.
      ii. Chicago Hand Made label with Chicago sky line (1930s?) in the back ground.
      iii. Whale-Back cigars label with ship. Whale back schooners used to travel the great lakes.
3. David Gumm brought a Washington quarter (Massachusetts state quarter, 2000), found in change, but of questionable manufacture. It appears to be cast, and has an odd rim treatment.s
4. Elliott Krieter showed 3 things:
   a. 1962-D quarter, received in change at Brookfield Zoo.

b. 1977 $10 Federal Reserve star note. Elliott noted that star notes from the 1970s-80s are difficult to find. This one (from Chicago/Reserve District G) is more common than most in this otherwise scarce timeframe.
c. Two 5-oz silver "stacker" rounds. "Stackers" are pieces with the same design on both sides; the obverse is in relief and the reverse is incuse, so they neatly fit one atop another in a stack. These rounds are sold as silver bullion.

5. Mark Wieclaw showed 8 items plus autographs from the ANA:
   a. In honor of Queen Elizabeth II surpassing her great-great-grandmother, Victoria, as the longest ruling Monarch in British history, Mark showed seven sovereigns.
      i. Four of Victoria with three different portraits (youthful to mature) and two different reverse types.
      ii. Three of Elizabeth II with three different busts, again from youthful to mature.
   b. A fifty dollar bill, apparently a gift, with graffiti stating the note is to be used only in Las Vegas.
   c. Mark also had various items from ANA events which were signed by the author or speaker, including:
      i. Winston Zack's book on bust dimes, signed by the the three authors, the writer of the forward, and the writer of the appreciation.
      ii. Donn Pearlman signed a convention certificate.
      iii. A Fogo de Chao yes/no coaster signed by Mike Gasvoda who, at the CCC/NYNC banquet, talked about the 1793 cent that went up with Gemini VII.
6. Bob Leonard showed 6 items.
   a. From Naples, a silver Tari 1687 showing a map of the Western Mediterranean. He then showed a close up of the map, and compared it to a Google Earth map of the Western Mediterranean.
   b. A *Coin World* September 2015 article, "Shady Stories for U.S. Coins," mentioning the 1861 Confederate cent pattern, the 1859 Marshall House token, and the 1860 Robert Lovett Jr. store card, all using the Confederate cent Liberty head hub. He then showed these three pieces (Confederate cent represented by the Second Restrike), plus the 1862-64 Magnolia Hotel, Philadelphia, Civil War token, which also uses the Confederate cent hub. The article also illustrates a Civil War patriotic cover showing the death of Col. Ellsworth at the Marshall House, the first Union officer killed in the Civil War; Bob then showed a similar patriotic cover.
7. Richard Hamilton talked about the Pierce Arrow Motor Company. He brought:

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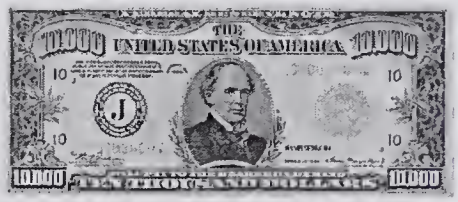

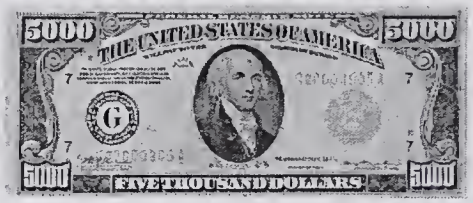

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a. A 1935 Pierce Arrow stock certificate for 100 shares, and an advertising piece with its typical subdued images.
b. A book on auto-company stock certificates.
c. Four photos of Pierce Arrow cars.

8. Deven Kane brought in 4 coins.
   a. A silver penny, circa 1009-1017, of King Aethelred of England (978–1013 and 1014–1016). The reverse has a small cross and the York mintmark of Aelfstan. Aethelred in often referred to as the Unready, which is a mistranslation of Old English unræd (meaning bad-counsel) — a twist on his name which means noble-counsel. The name was not bestowed upon him until the 1180s, so we do not know whether it accurately reflects the view of his contemporaries. His reign marked the end of decades of peace and the resumption of Danish raids on England, which he failed in responding to, by war or bribery. In 1013 Sweyn of Denmark invaded, forcing Aethelred to exile in Normandy; Aethelred returned after Sweyn's death, but soon had to face Swweyn's son Cnut.
   b. A silver penny of Cnut the Great, King of England (1016-1035), King of Denmark (1018-1035), and King of Norway and part of Sweden (1028-1035), minted by Aelperdon in Linde (London). Cnut and Edmund, son of Aethelred, had divided England between them in 1016, but Edmund died a month later, leaving Cnut as King of all England. Cnut is famous for the anecdote of how he showed that he could not stop the incoming tide. In England, Cnut was eventually succeeded by Eadweard the Confessor, a son of Aethelred.
   c. A silver ½ drachm of Suleiman, an Abbassid governor, from Tabaristan circa 776-780 AD. Although Tabaristan, on the southern coast of the Caspian, was a province of the Abbasid Caliphate after the Islamic conquest of Persia, some Zoroastrian influence remained from its time as a Sassanid vassal. On the obverse, the head of Khusru II, a long-dead Sassanid emperor, has been replaced with a lozenge. On the reverse, although the Zoroastrian fire altar remains, the two flanking attendants commonly seen on Sassanid coins have been reworked into pillars.
   d. A silver Luigini of Violante Doria Lomellini from Loano (Italy), 1654-1671. This rare variety and early issue (and holed example, unfortunately) continues Deven's Luigino collection from his presentation a few months back. The shield on the reverse has three eagles instead of the French Fleur de Lys. The portrait still follows the pattern on the Princess of Dombes. Violante was the mother of and regent for Giovanni Andrea Doria III (1654-1737).

9. Rich Lipman showed these items:
    a. Two "First Spouse" gold coins: Mamie Eisenhower and Jacqueline Kennedy. Except for the Kennedy coin, the first spouse series seems not popular.
    b. Four post-czar Russian Revolution notes:
        i. 500 and 1000 rubles bank notes from northwestern territories (ca. Estonia), issued by a White Russian army trying to recapture Petrograd from the Bolsheviks.
        ii. A 1920 1 ruble Far East Provisional Government "credit note" from eastern Siberia, which at the time was occupied by a White Russian army with support from Japan and the US.
        iii. A 1923 5,000,000 rubles note from Azerbaijan / Transcaucasia.
        iv. 1 ruble "credit note" from Tannu Tuva, overprinted on an 1898 note and possibly spurious.
10. Carl Wolf discussed obsolete checks and receceipts issued by Indian Traders (who were authorized by the US government).
    a. Three receipts (which look like checks) from T. Connell, Indian Trader, of the Cheyenne & Arapahoe Agency, Darlington, Indian Territory (Eastern Oklahoma):
        i. $10 from George Little Bear, 11 June 1885.
        ii. $5 from Black Short Nose, 21 August 1883.
        iii. $8 from Flash of Lightning, 24 August 1885.
    b. Obsolete check (1889) from J.H. Sherburne, Indian Trader, of the Ponca & Otoe Agencies, identifying him as a Raiser of and Dealer in Horses and Indian Ponies.
    c. Obsolete check (1903) from J.L. Hubbell, Ganado AZ (Arizona was a territory at the time), an Indian Trader & Dealer in Navajo blankets. Hubbell had a chain of trading posts. Bob Leonard pointed out that the Ganado post is a National Historic Site.
11. Jeff Rosinia displayed a silver plated crumb tray & scraper from the Century of Progress exposition.

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The December 9 Annual Banquet will be held at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Avenue, Chicago. The program will be given by Mark Wieclaw and Jeff Amelse on *Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany*. Mark announced that everyone in attendance will receive a porcelain piece compliments of Harlan J. Berk Ltd.

John Wright, who could not attend the recent American Numismatic Association Convention, was presented with their Lifetime Achievement Award. The speech given at the ANA Banquet was read, and John expressed his gratitude to all the friendships made over many years in the hobby.

An announcement was made that the ANA is offering the Club complimentary 12 Gold one-year memberships in the ANA. This includes the electronic edition of *The Numismatist*. A poll revealed there was only one CCC member in attendance who was not already an ANA member. The forms are consecutively numbered and require the applicant's signature. See or write the Secretary at carlwolfco@msn.com.

With regret, the Secretary read the names of members with unpaid 2015 dues, and a motion was passed to drop them from the membership rolls. They were: Branislav Bajic, Robert Graves, Gary Gunderson, Richard Hall, Melissa Morsi, Daniel Pelc, Walter Perschke, David Sunshine, and Russell Wajda.

Bill Burd was presented with the following material to place in the Club

Archives:

- Serial #001 CCC/NYNC Joint Medal (2015) in copper.
- Serial #001 CCC/ANA Convention Meeting Souvenir Sheet featuring the Handel Columbian Exposition Admission Ticket.
- The 2015 Louis S. Werner Host Club Award Plaque accepted by Club President Elliott Krieter at the ribbon cutting ceremony the first day of the ANA Convention.
- Walter Ostromecki's "Points of Numismatic Light Program" certificate presented to the Club at the CSNS Convention in April.
- Newspaper reprints publicizing artist and sculptor Trygve Rovelstad, the designer of the Club's 50th Anniversary Medal and the Elgin Commemorative Half Dollar.

An announcement was made that Dai Zoujon (#1166), who joined in May 2009, recently completed his Post-Doctorate Degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Illinois Chicago and would be returning to Shanghai. Everyone wished him well and gave him a warm round of applause. Zoujon promised to return in 2019 for the Club's 100th Anniversary and ANA Convention.

Brett Irick announced an Educational and Numismatic Tour of Eastern Europe and Russia scheduled May 10-26, 2016 and organized by the Polish American Numismatic Society.

Members were reminded the November 11 program will be the Club's Annual Auction, and they should get their material to William Burd. The Club will also hold a meeting at the upcoming PCDA National Currency & Coin Convention, Nov 19-21. The Club meeting will be 1 PM, Saturday Nov 21, and the speaker will be Ray Lockwood on "History and Development of Polymer Banknotes."

Members were encouraged to make reservations to attend the November 22 Numismatic Educational Symposium, co-sponsored by the Chicago Coin Club / Central States Numismatic Society, that includes four nationally recognized speakers. Several members, including Mark Wieclaw, Dale Lukanich, and Bob Feiler, spoke in support of the event.

A letter of apology was read from Leo Courshon, the evening's featured speaker who was ill and unable to attend. John Wright and David Gumm were introduced and spoke in-depth on the planned subject "Different Grading Standards of Early American Copper Coinage." After a question-and-answer period, they were presented with ANA Educational Certificates.

Second VP Steve Ambos announced the evening's exhibitors. Dale Lukanich: 1947 coupons from Gvat Kibbutz, and medal from Glendale (CA) Coin Club. Richard Lipman: 5 pieces of early American currency. Adam Olszewski: medal and program from the recent XV International Numismatic Congress in Taormina, Sicily. Phil Carrigan: Oct 30, 1937 Stack's Auction Catalog; Mark Wieclaw: 2 ancient Greek coins, and a cut-out and pop-out 1892 Columbian Expo Half dollar. Brett Irick: 8 pieces

of Canadian numismatic material. Deven Kane: 3 Indo-Sasanian coins. Richard Hamilton: "waffled" coins from the US Mint, and Bicentennial proof set each coin signed by its designer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our October 14, 2015 meeting,

1. **Dale Lukanich** showed some recent acquisitions:
   a. A large brassy 2015 medal from the Glendale Coin Club (California).
   b. A set of paper coupons (chits? tokens?) dated 1947, from Kibbutz Gvat. We saw pieces marked with 1, 2, 5, 10, 50, 100, 200, and 500, but we could not determine the units, denomination, or purpose. The kibbutz was founded in 1926.
2. Complementing the featured program, **Rich Lipman** showed early American paper money.
   a. An 18 pence note from New Jersey, dated March 25, 1776. This note has a leaf print on the back as an anticounterfeiting measure, and it has three signatures, all from local people, on the front. Rich mentioned that notes of this era might have from one to three signatures, and that some collectors look for notes signed by people who also signed the Declaration of Independence.
   b. A New York ten Spanish milled dollar note dated September 2, 1775; the back mentions the note was printed by John Hall.
   c. A South Carolina two shilling six pence note dated April 10, 1778. In general, the notes from South Carolina are quite artistic — this one pictures two cornocopia. (The denomonation is also known as half of a crown.)
   d. A New York City Water Works two shilling note dated January 6, 1776; third series.
   e. A sample of Continental Currency printed on blue paper, issued as a counterfeit detector. Printed by Hall & Sellers, it is not signed and has no serial number.
3. **Adam Olszewski** attended the XV International Numismatic Congress in Taormina, Sicily; he told us about it, and showed us some items.
   a. The *Survey of Numismatic Research 2008-2013*.
   b. A large bronze medal issued for the congress.
   c. The congress schedule, listing events and all 400 speakers / programs.
   d. On the last day, Adam visited a live archaeological dig of a Greek settlement.
   e. The congress is held every six years, with the next two scheduled for Warsaw in 2021, and Australia in 2027.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Hoffmeister, Jacob Christoph Carl – ***Historisch-Kritische Beschreibung Aller Bis Jetzt Bekannt Gewordenen Hessischen Munzen, Medaillen Und Marken In Genealogisch-Cronologisher Folge. Erster-Dritter Band***, 1857-1866, Cassel and Paris, first edition, three volumes.

~Cunningham, Paul A. – ***Lincoln's Metallic Imagery***, 2015, Tecumseh, Mich., a catalog and price list of Lincoln coins, tokens, medals and plaques.

~Ball, Douglas B. & Henry F. Simmons, Jr. – ***Comprehensive Catalog and History of Confederate Bonds***, 2nd edition, 2015, Port Clinton, Ohio.

~Tompkins, Steve M. – ***Early United States Half Dollars Volume 1 - 1794-1807***, 2015, Peculiar, MO.

~Schlumberger, Gustave – ***Sigillographie de L'Empire Byzantin***, 1884, Paris, over 5000 Byzantine seals listed with 1100 high quality line drawings, Rare.

~Hazard, Harry W. – ***The Numismatic History of Late Medieval North Africa – Numismatic Studies No. 8***, 1952, ANS-NYC, 377 pages, 8 plates, Scarce.

4. **Phil Carrigan** showed an interesting Stack's catalog, for their Auction Sale on Saturday, October 30, 1937. Stack's has issued hundreds of catalogs since the 1930s — Phil has been fortunate to acquire most of them, and this was his latest. John Adams rates it as B-, telling us the material in the auction was rather ordinary; but this slim catalog is rare. This was not one of the important auctions with a large print run — it was an ordinary auction with no compelling reason to save the catalog. Hence the challenge.
5. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of silver coins:
    a. A tetrobol from Lycia, circa 375-360 BC, with a bust of King Pericle well centered on the obverse. The reverse has a triskelis, but much of one arm is off of the flan. That is a common problem for collectors of ancient coins — find a coin with one side well centered, and the other side likely is very off-center. The challenge of collecting!
    b. A stater ftom Lycia, circa 480-430 BC, with Pegasus well centered on the obverse. The triskelis on the reverse is poorly centered.
    c. An 1892 Columbian Expo half dollar, to be used as reference when examining the next item.
    d. 1892 Columbian Expo half dollar, both cut out and popped out
6. **Brett Irick** showed mainly Canadian items:
    a. A 2015 Canadian $20 polymer note issued September 9, 2015 commemorating the "longest reign" of Queen Elizabeth II.
    b. Two Canada Specimen 1943 V 5¢ coins pedigreed to John Campbell, along with their original die-cut cardboard holder and envelope, as issued. Who was John Campbell? The first Mint Mast of the Royal Canadian Mint.
    c. A silver medal, in original case, from the Sydney, Australia Royal Mint in 1926, one of 200 made. This one was awarded to John Campbell upon his appointment as Deputy Master of the Ottawa Branch of the Royal Mint. John Campbell started in the Sydney branch of the British Royal Mint in 1895 as a bookkeeper. By 1920 he was Duputy Master, reporting to the Mint Master in London.
    d. A bronze 60th Anniversary of Canada Confederation medal, in original case and ex John Campbell. When appointed Deputy Master for the Ottawa Branch in 1926, he became the only person to be Deputy Master for two mints. In 1931 he became the first Mint Master of the Royal Canadian Mint when it was made independent of the Royal Mint in London. Mr. Campbell was a major force behind the 1935 Voyageur dollar and the 1937 "modern" Canadian coin designs.
    e. An 1876 New Caledonia silver exhibit award medal in case of issue, ex family of John Campbell's wife.
7. **Deven Kane** previously showed us Sasanid coin types that were

imitated by the Arabs after the conquest of Persia. Now he showed us imitations made by the successor states that formed in the Eastern reaches of the Sasanid Empire (in India). The Sasanids conquered Bactria from the Kushans in the 3rd century, resulting in the Kushanshah dynasty. The Hepthalite invasions in the early fifth century broke the power of the Kushanshahs, and the Hepthalites (known as Hunas in Indian sources) appear to have conquered Sind to reach the sea.

a. A gold dinar (18mm, 7.02g) of Sasanian king Vahram (Bahram) V (AD 420-438), from the Sind mint. This issue by the Hunas in Sind continued Sind's earlier combination of Sasanid design elements on the thicker flans more common in India and the Gupta Empire. Since each Sasanid emperor appeared wearing a unique crown on his coins, this reused design caused this coin to be identified as of Vahram V. The reverse shows a fire altar flanked by two attendants.
b. A pale gold dinar (17mm, 6.89g) of Indo-Sasanian Sind in the 5th-6th century AD. The bust faces right, to a sun wheel, and the fire altar on the reverse indicates continuing Sasanian style. Although this coin identifies a ruler (Datasatya), something which does not always happen on Indian coinage, this ruler does not appear on any known regnal lists. This coin likely is from after the Hunas power was broken and Sind became independent. The coin became debased over time, and then it was gone.
c. A later silver coin at the weight of a Sasanian drachm, with the abstract and crude designs of the coins that replaced the gold coins. The bust of the king and the fire altar are very stylized on this coinage; known in India as the Gadhaiya Paisa, it became the trade coinage of Western India from the 8th to the 11th century.

8. **Richard Hamilton** showed U.S. coins:
   a. A group of three slabbed Bicentennial coins with each slab signed by the creator of the reverse design.
   b. A group of five &ldquo:waffled" coins, in slabs. To destroy imperfect coins, the mint passes them through obliterating rollers that impart a waffle design to the coins. Two of them were half dollar size, and three of them were quarter size — sufficient details remain on two of them to identify them as 2003 Maine Statehood quarters.

Annual Member Auction

Here are the lots known to us by October 27, 2015. The auction will be held near the start of the meeting, after a short time for lot examination.

Donation from Zoujun Dai

1. *US Coin Digest — The Complete Guide to Current Market Values*, by Krause Publications, 2007 along with *The Official ANA Grading Standards for US Coins*, 2013, 7th Edition, hard cover spiral edition.
2. *The Official ANA Grading Standards for US Coins*, 2013, 7th Edition, hard cover spiral edition.
3. *Unusual World Coins*, by Colin R. Bruce II, 4th Edition, 2005, 515 pages of non-circulating coins, fantasy issues, pseudo coins, etc. that do not qualify for the standard catalog of world coins.

Donation from Bill Rumph

4. National Football League Medal, Golden Anniversary 1920-1969, bronze, 70 mm, struck by the Medallic Art Co., NY.

Consignment from Brett Irick

5. *National Bank Notes*, by Don C. Kelly, 2008, sixth (and final) edition. With *Bank Note Census* CD, Brand new — never used.

Consignment from Carl Wolf

6. *Money of the American Colonies and Confederation*, by Philip L. Mossman, 1993, ANS Numismatic Studies No. 20.
7. *Large Size Silver Coins of the World 16th – 19th Centuries*, by John S. Davenport, 3rd edition, 1991, edited and revised by Ed Milas and Carl Subak.
8. *World Countermarks on Medieval and Modern Coins*, by Gregory G. Brunk, this is the 1976 edition by Quarterman Publications. The original was compiled from articles published in the *Numismatist* and the American Journal of Numismatics from 1901 to 1975; also *A Trial List of the Countermarked Modern Coins of the World*, by F. G. Duffield, a reprint from *The Numismatist* in 1962.
9. *American and Canadian Countermarked Coins*, by Gregory G. Brunk, 1st edition, 1987
10. *Merchant and Privately Countermarked Coins*, by Gregory G. Brunk, 2nd Edition, 2003, autographed.
11. *The Nineteenth Century Token Coinage of Great Britain, Ireland, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man*, by W. J. Davis, originally published in 1904, this copy is a 1979 reprint by Seaby and Durst.

12. *Tokens and Medals — A Guide to the Identification and Values of United States Exonumia*, by Stephen Alpert and Lawrence Elman, 1st edition, 1992.
13. *Paper Money of the United States*, by Robert Friedberg, 3rd edition, 1959.
14. *Criswell's Currency Series — Vol. 1 Confederate and Southern State Currency*, by Grover C. Criswell Jr., 1957 and *Vol. 2 Confederate and Southern State Bonds*, by Grover C. Criswell, Jr., 1961, with price list and supplement tipped in along with 3 price lists and supplements to volume 1.
15. Five books on Notgeld: *Das deutsche Notgeld 1916-1919*, by Dr. Arnold Keller, 1919 along with expanded edition dated 1920; *Illustrierter Notgeld — Katalog*, by Victor Engelmann, 1923; *A Guide and Checklist of World Notgeld 1914-1947*, by Courtney Coffing, 1988; *Catalog of German War Tokens*, by Robert Lamb, 1966.

Note: The following 6 books are being auctioned individually. All were published as part of the annual Coinage of the Americas Conference at the American Numismatic Society in New York.

16. *Money of Pre-Federal America*, edited by John M. Kleeberg, May 4, 1991, Proceedings No. 7.
17. *Canada's Money*, edited by John M. Kleeberg, November 7, 1992, Proceedings No. 8.
18. *America's Silver Dollars*, edited by John M. Kleeberg, October 30, 1993, Proceedings No. 9.
19. *Coinage of the American Confederation Period*, edited by Philip L. Mossman, October 28, 1995, Proceedings No. 11.
20. *America's Large Cent*, edited by John M. Kleeberg, November 9, 1996, Proceedings No. 12.
21. *The Medal in America*, Volume 2, edited by Alan M. Stahl, November 8-9, 1997, Proceedings No. 13.
22. *Medals and Decorations*, by Ian Angus, 1973
23. *Unusual World Coins*, by Colin R. Bruce II, first edition, 1987
24. 3 Books: *North American Coins & Prices*, by Krause Publications, 1992; *World Crowns & Talers 1484-1968*, 1984; *Coins of the World 1901-1950*, by Wayte Raymond, 4th edition, 1951.
25. 3 Books: *The Other Side of the Coin*, by Edward C. Rochette, 1985, autographed; *Making Money — Rogues & Rascals Who Made Their Own*, by Rochette, 1986; *Superstition, Urban Legends and Our Money*, by Richard Giedroyc, 2004.

Consignment from Bob Feiler

26. 500th Meeting Medal, (1960) in bronze, 110 grams, mintage of 246, accompanied by a brass "version #2 pattern" ornament celebrating the 1000th meeting in 2002. Note the plane on the

pattern — it was removed from the final version.

27. 50th Anniversary Medal, (1969) in bronze, designed by Trygve A. Rovelstad of Elgin.

Consignment from Roy Westrich

28. 500th Meeting Medal, (1960) in silver, 99.3 grams, mintage of 114, accompanied by souvenir pamphlet from the 500th meeting on Sept. 14, 1960.

Consignment from Bill Rumph

29. Columbian Exposition Medal, French medal dated 1893 celebrating the visit of the Civil Engineers of France to the Chicago exposition.
30. Thomas Edison Medal, Edison Caravan Convention Chicago June 20-21, 1921, high relief, silvered, 70 mm. This was a convention of Edison Phonograph dealers from the Midwest.

Our 1163rd Meeting

Date: November 11, 2015, **First Session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby

parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Members start arriving at 5pm.

Member Auction: You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

Please find elsewhere in this issue of the *Chatter* a listing of all auction lots that were known to us by Tuesday, October 27.

Date: November 21, 2015, **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Ray Lockwood — *History and Development of Polymer Banknotes*

Polymer banknotes are made from a special polypropylene and were adopted to thwart counterfeiting and stay in circulation longer, thereby reducing production costs. Collaborations and experimenting began in the 1960s, and the first patent was filed in 1973. Developing a suitable polymer that could be machine processed was only half the puzzle to solve. Scientists also needed to develop ink that would not smudge or wash off. Finally in 1980 the country of Haiti issued the world's first polymer notes. Other countries followed and today nearly sixty countries use polymer or hybrid notes (mix of polymer and paper). As of 2014 at least eight countries were converted fully to polymer banknotes. Using examples from his collection, Ray Lockwood will tell the history and development of a new currency that few would have predicted 50 years ago.

Preview of Our December Banquet (1164th Meeting)

Date: December 9, 2015 **(This is on a Wednesday!)**

Time: 6PM to 6:45PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
6:45PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Avenue, Chicago.

Menu: The cost is $55.00 per person, and reservations are required. Make your reservation either by mail or at one of our two meetings in November. Make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, and either bring it to one of our November or December meetings, or mail it to P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. Please make reservations as early as you can so we can plan for an appropriate room size.

Program: A program on *Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany* will be given by Mark Wieclaw and Jeff Amelse. Everyone in attendance will receive a porcelain piece compliments of Harlan J. Berk Ltd.

Agenda: Award Presentations

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2015 Social Gathering of the Chicago Coin Club and New York Numismatic Club

reported by Mark Wieclaw

On Wednesday, August 12th the two collectors groups gathered at Fogo de Chao in Rosemont, IL for cocktails, dinner, and an exciting numismatic presentation.

While no one can say for sure what the draw was, an overflow crowd of eighty-two numismatists and guests (capacity 75) filled the private dining area of Fogo de Chao, a Brazilian steakhouse. Amazingly, there were more than a half dozen coin enthusiasts who had to be turned away prior to the Tuesday deadline.

After a trip to the salad bar, diners were offered a dozen or so types of beef, pork, and chicken to sample while seated at their tables. Following dinner, for those who hadn't over indulged, a wide variety of decadent desserts awaited the group.

This being a social event, business was kept to a minimum with each club president taking just a few minutes to speak about their respective organizations. Walter Ostromecki, outgoing president of the ANA, was then given the floor to make a few remarks and recognize some individuals who had done outstanding work in the hobby in the past year.

The highlight of the evening was a program on the "Space Penny" presented by Chicago Coin Club member Mike Gasvoda. Technically the coin is a cent and a very special one at that.

A 1793 Flowing Hair cent found its way onto the Gemini VII space capsule that orbited the earth 206 times in December of 1965. Mike told the story of how Dr. Howard A. Minners, NASA flight surgeon, placed the coin in the inflight Medical kit for safe storage. Using stock NASA photos and several privately taken pictures, the flight was followed from lift off to splash down.

Following a round of applause for Gasvoda's presentation, the event concluded with everyone in attendance receiving one of the hundred copper medals struck specifically for the joint gathering. One side of the medal featured the Chicago Coin Club's logo, while the New York Numismatic Club's portion of the medal featured a design prepared by one of their more famous members, Victor D. Brenner.

The two clubs first gathered for dinner in 2013, and many members of the New York group graciously presented a birthday cake to the CCC in celebration of the club's 95th Anniversary in 2014.

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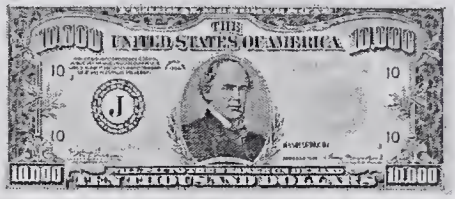

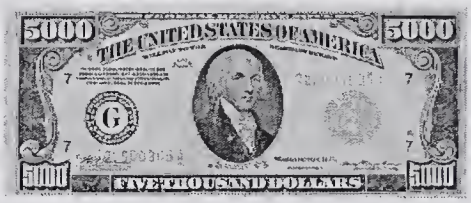

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Speaker's Wor[l]d

Different Grading Standards of Early American Copper Coinage

a presentation by John Wright and David Gumm,
to our October 14, 2015 meeting

Who better to tell us about the grading of early American copper coins than two members of the Early American Coppers (EAC) club? Having member numbers 7 and somewhere in the 3900s, our two speakers brought much experience to share with us. The grading of coins can be a hotly talked-about topic at any coin club, and especially in a specialized group of collectors. But remember — a grade is someone's opinion — nothing more, and nothing less.

Up through the middle of the 20th century, adjectival grades sufficed: start at the low end with Fair, work up through Good and Fine, and through some more until reaching New. William Sheldon, in his 1949 *Early American Cents*, introduced a numeric grading scale from 1 at the low end up to 60 at the high end. This was based upon the observed relationship between prices and grades of a given Large Cent variety from 1793-1814. A coin in the poorest condition imagineable, but still with enough detail to make it identifiable, was declared to be in Basal State and was given a grade a 1. At the time, a coin in New condition sold for 60 times the price of a coin in Basal State, so a coin in New State was given a grade of 60. Since a new coin sold for 15 times the price of a good coin, the Good State meant a grade of 4; with the Fine State being assigned a grade of 12, a new coin must have sold for 5 times the price of a fine coin.

In his 1958 followup book *Penny Whimsy*, William Sheldon extended the grading scale by adding two grades for New at the high end: since a very nice New coin could have a 10% premium, and a truly exceptional New coin could have a 20% premium, grades of 65 and 70 were added. The scale was an accurate snapshot of a 22-year copper coin series from about 150 years after it was made. Although the underlying price relationships are long gone, the 1-70 grading scale remains from the era before people ventured into space atop rockets.

No coin has an absolute grade. The grade on a slab is an opinion — it is a pass-through to price. No two graders will agree, but experienced graders can be close. To illustrate the fluidity of grading, a handout on the discovery specimen of the 1793 "strawberry leaf" cent was reviewed. The coin was graded Fair in its first appearance, in 1877 when it sold for $77.50. In an 1890 sale it brought $79 as Fine. A dealer bought it in 1941 for $2,500, and resold it for $2,750 and called it Very Fine. Although it was locked away from public view from 1941 to 2004, old photos were used in a number of books, where it received a number of grades. In 2004, NGC

slabbed it as Fine.

A number of committees have produced a grading guide over the years, and the product of a committee is seldom a thing of beauty. However, a recent EAC committee of four members produced an excellent guide — it has plenty of color pictures, and it discusses problems (there are more problems with copper coins because copper is softer and more reactive than other coinage metals). Now, we can encounter three takes on the 1-70 grading scale: EAC grading, market grading, and slab grading. (Briefly, slab grading is according to condition, but they decline to slab a *hurt* coin or they give it only a *details* grade; market grading is higher than slab grading.) Within each grading scheme, people with more than 20 years of experience generally agree; just make sure that everyone in a discussion is using the same scheme.

The EAC grading guide determines a grade by starting with sharpness, and then taking off points based upon problems; this is the idea of *net* grading. As a coin circulates, it accumulates a range of wear marks; the mentioned ones were scratches and porosity. Each collector has different feelings about how much a coin's grade should be lowered for a given level of each type of marks. The committee tried to quantify how much to knock off for certain things, but John's grading style might ding fewer points than the committee suggested. But remember, a low grade coin **will** have some scratches, surface issues, and other imperfections — it's worn!

One way of viewing an imperfect coin's net grade is as follows: compare the imperfect coin to an imaginary worn-but-perfect coin that has a lower grade **but** that is "as desirable" to you.

John recounted how a dealer once described a coin as UNC, but John told him it was XF. Neither side would budge from what they graded it, but they did agree on one point: the dealer wanted $200 for it, and John bought it for $200. A dealer who prices her coins without grading them would work well with an experienced collector who is confident about what he likes. But the rest of us must deal with grades while we earn those 20+ years of experience.

The program concluded with comments on toning. Many coins have been harshly cleaned with chemicals — on a copper coin, the result had a bright, unnatural pink color. Fifty to seventy years of toning might get rid of the pink color; John is not bothered by a little off-color, but the grading companies follow a yes/no practice whereby they will refuse to grade a coin that shows an old cleaning or, in their opinion, they think shows an old cleaning. Some of the best buys in collector coins can be found in slabbed coins with only a *details* grade — but this is only for collectors with experience and confidence in what they like.

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

November 11 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

November 20-21 PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday through Saturday. Details at http://www.pcdaonline.com

November 21 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - Ray Lockwood on *History and Development of Polymer Banknotes*

November 22 Central States Numismatic Society Educational Symposium — after the PCDA National Currency and Coin Convention, at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare.
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Dr. Steve Feller **9:00AM** *The Money of Iowa: from Pre-Civil War to World War II Prisoner of War Scrip*

Dr. Lawrence Lee **10:30AM** *The Gold Banknotes of Clark Gruber & Co. Denver City, Colorado Territory 1861-1863*

12noon Light Lunch

Mark Hotz **1:00PM** *John Dillinger: America's Most Wanted and the National Banks He Robbed*

Peter Huntoon **2:30PM** *Col. Green: America's Most Extravagent Collector*

December 9 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet at Marcello's Restaurant - Featured Speakers - Mark Wieclaw and Jeff Amelse on *Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany*

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Minutes of the 1163rd Meeting

Session I of the 1163rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 11, 2015 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. Frist VP Richard Lipman called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 27 members and 2 guests, Chris Pineda and Peter Perez.

A motion was passed to accept the October Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report of October revenue $53.68, expenses $110.00, net income -$56.32, total assets $26,838.10 held in Life Membership $2,490.00 and member equity $24,348.10. A motion was passed to accept the report.

As it was Veteran's Day, members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces were asked to stand and the membership gave them a warm round of applause in gratitude for their service. It was announced that President Elliott Krieter and Immediate Past President Jeff Rosinia, who were unable to be at the meeting, also are veterans. Later in the meeting it was announced that Canada recently issued a coin honoring Remembrance Day.

The December 9 Annual Banquet will be held at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Avenue, Chicago. Reservations are required at $55 per person. The program will be given by Mark Wieclaw and Jeff Amelse on *Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany*. Mark announced that everyone in attendance will receive a porcelain piece compliments of Harlan J. Berk Ltd.

It was announced that Richard Hall submitted his 2015-16 dues, and a

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motion was passed reinstating him into the Club. An announcement was made that the ANA offered the Club 12 complimentary Gold one-year memberships in the ANA. This includes the electronic edition of *The Numismatist*. Only 4 remain. See or write the Secretary at carlwolfco@msn.com.

The Club will also hold a meeting at the upcoming PCDA National Coin & Currency Convention, Nov 19-21. The Club meeting will be 1 PM, Saturday Nov 21, and the speaker will be Ray Lockwood on *History and Development of Polymer Banknotes*.

Members were encouraged to make reservations to attend the November 22 Numismatic Educational Symposium, which the Chicago Coin Club is co-sponsoring with the Central States Numismatic Society and the Professional Currency Dealers Association. Several members, including Mark Wieclaw, Dale Lukanich, and Bob Feiler, spoke in support of the event.

Richard Lipman presented Mark Wieclaw (a collector of Russian beard tokens) with a Minnesota lottery ticket called "bearded bucks" showing an image of a bearded Russian peasant(?).

The program for the evening was the annual auction.

The meeting was recessed at 8:04 PM, and will be called to order at 1 PM, November 21 at the PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention.

Session II of the 1163rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held Saturday, November 21, 2015 in conjunction with the National Coin & Currency Convention, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. First VP Richard Lipman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Due to the inclement weather, only 13 members and 2 guests, Ray Lockwood and Louise Boling, were in attendance.

A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

The membership application of Ray Lockwood received a first reading.

It was announced there would be a Numismatic Educational Symposium the next day and in the same room. The event includes four speakers and is co-sponsored by the Chicago Coin Club, Central States Numismatic Society, and the Professional Currency Dealers Association.

Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Ray Lockwood who spoke on *The History and Development of Polymer Banknotes*. Following a question and answer period, Ray was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1164th Meeting

Date: December 9, 2015

Time: 6PM to 6:45PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
6:45PM to 7PM Plated Salad Course
7PM to 9PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Marcello's Restaurant, 645 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 312-654-2560. Ample free parking is available in their parking lot. If public transportation is taken, it's just east of the North Avenue subway stop on the CTA Red Line.

Menu: • We will start with a Caesar Salad tossed with Crispy Croutons served with Caesar Dressing, and continue with: Oven Roasted Rosemary Chicken, Cheese Stuffed Mushroom Ravioli smothered with Marcello's Signature Marinara Sauce, Crispy Broasted Potato Wedges, and Grilled Asparagus Spears brushed with Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Fresh Herbs. Dessert will be assorted Mini Pastries including Chocolate Mousse, Strawberry Cheesecake, and Carrot and Lemon Chiffon.

• The cost is $55.00 per person and reservations are required. Make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. If time is short, e-mail your reservation to carlwolfco@msn.com, or call 773-878-8979 during workdays and make arrangements to pay at the door.

• Please make reservations as early as you can so we can plan for an appropriate room size.

Program: **Mark Wieclaw** and **Jeff Amelse** on *Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany*
Everyone in attendance will receive a porcelain piece compliments of Harlan J. Berk Ltd.

Agenda: Award Presentations

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
History and Development of Polymer Banknotes

a presentation by Ray Lockwood,
to our November 21, 2015 meeting

Ray started by asking us, "What is Tyvek?" It is a trademark of DuPont, for a type of flexible plastic sheeting. The most common use is as a house wrap, and Ray passed around a large square of it so we could feel it and examine it.

Three countries tried using money printed on Tyvek in the early 1980s. A joint venture between DuPont and the American Banknote Company produced a series for Haiti. The denominations were 1, 2, 50, 100, 250, and 500 gourdes; we saw a 50 gourdes note. The series was not in use for very long — the ink did not adhere well (due to the hunid climate?), so there was smearing. They soon tried it in Costa Rica on the 20 colones note, but the note was pulled after awhile. Bradbury produced a one pound note for the Isle of Man using Bradvek, a material that was equivalent to Tyvek but under a different name, but no other denominations were produced. And so ended the history of Tyvek in money. Examples of the above notes are highly collectible now.

By the mid 1980s, Australia had a problem with counterfeits of its notes — especially of the $10. Australian organizations worked together, and produced the first true polymer notes in 1988. As the main motivation was to prevent counterfeiting, these notes are loaded with anti-counterfeiting devices. The most common measure is a transparent area, known as a window, in the note — if you cannot see through the window, do not accept the note! Unlike Tyvek which is fibrous, Australia developed their own polymer film which, unlike Tyvek, is non-fibrous; their film, available under the trade name *Guardian*, is available to other countries that produce their own banknotes. Also, notes for a number of countries are produced in Australia.

Ray provided us with two handouts: one provides a brief overview and history of the world's polymer experience, while the other is a list of countries that have issued at least one polymer note and gives the year of first issuance — it also notes which countries now issue only polymer notes, and which have issued hybrid notes (combining paper and polymer parts).

Canada has recently converted all of their notes to polymer. They

are in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollars. They cannot be torn, they are difficult to fold, but they can shrink and melt. The new notes have a different feel than paper notes — some people like the feel, while others do not. Some people who handle much money every day find that the notes can stick together.

Ray showed us many notes from around the world while pointing out some interesting aspects, telling us which designs he likes, and which he thinks are great! Not all countries that tried a polymer note converted to only polymer — in addition to Australia and Canada, the countries that now issue only polymer notes are Brunei, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Vietnam, and Zambia. Some have gone back to all paper, and some issue only commemorative notes in polymer.

Polymer notes can still use such traditional security measures as intaglio printing, watermarks, and microprinting. They also can use such recent developments as optically variable inks that shift color when viewed at different angles. The window of a polymer note usually contains an optically variable device — maybe a hologram, maybe something else.

Not sure if these were security devices or just doing things differently, but some notes with two serial numbers have one arranged horizontally and one vertically; some notes rendered the digits of the serial number in larger-sized fonts. Some notes from Nicaragua have the designs oriented vertically, as did a 20 shekel note from Israel, issued to see if the public would accept polymer notes.

The audience remained engaged throughout the presentation, contributing observations on the notes, denominations, and designs. Did you know that Vietnam's 100,000 dong note is heavily counterfeited (in its neighbor to the north, being lithographed instead of engraved)? Or that notes from Scottish banks are not always eagerly accepted in English pubs?

Ray concluded with some references about collecting polymer notes. The second edition of *Polymer Bank Notes of the World* by Stane Straus was printed in 2014, and it has nice color photography. The web site www.polymernotes.org is a free online reference with much information.

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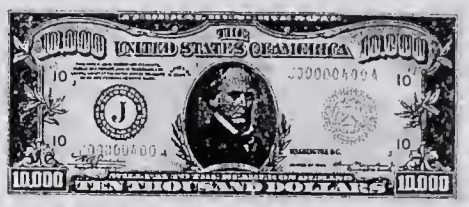

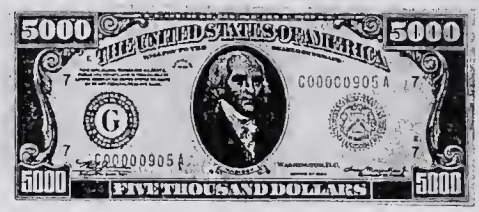

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6	10.00	16	5.00	26	12.00
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9	25.00	19	5.00	29	25.00
10	9.00	20	5.00	30	10.00

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

December 9 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet at Marcello's Restaurant - Featured Speakers - **Mark Wieclaw** and **Jeff Amelse** on *Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany*

January 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker *to be announced*

February 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker *to be announced*

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